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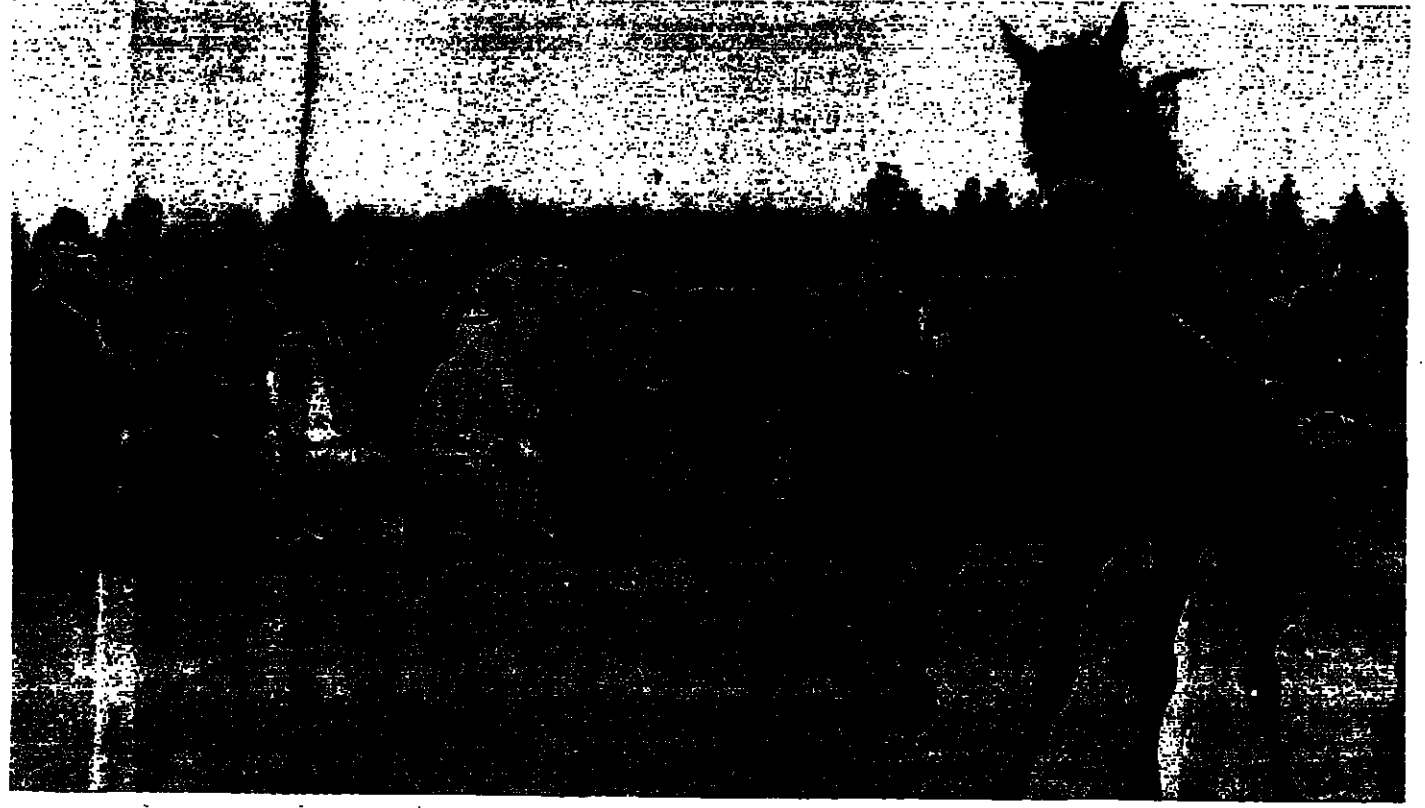
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Khaled sees top stallions

London Bureau
LONDON, June 11 — Derby winning stallion, Mill Reef, suffered a fit of nerves Thursday when he was formally presented before King Khaled at the National Stud in Newmarket. Paraded on a tight rein at a safe distance from the King, the internationally famous thoroughbred strained and kicked in a display of fiery high spirits before his royal visitors.



WATCH STALLIONS: King Khaled and the accompanying delegation watch prize-winning stallions at the National Stud in Newmarket Thursday.

It was a cold, blustery day at Newmarket, but seated outside the stable, King Khaled watched intently as three other prize-winning stallions, Derby-winners, Grundy and Blakeney and Star Appeal were brought out for his inspection. By his side Defense Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz chatted animatedly with National Stud Director Michael Bramwell.

Despite the unwelcoming weather, the visit provided a few hours relaxation for the King from the demanding schedule of his four-day state visit to Britain. He traveled the 60 miles from London to Newmarket in the Royal Rolls, rather than risk a turbulent ride by helicopter in low cloud and a strong wind.

He ended his visit to the British horse-racing center with a visit to the Jockey Club for lunch with the stewards of the club. Thursday night the King hosts a banquet in honor of the Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh at Claridges.

Prince Sultan met British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington before the banquet to discuss the present Middle East crisis and bilateral relations between Britain and Saudi Arabia.

Authorized British officials, meanwhile, reported that Khaled Wednesday denounced Israel's attack on Iraq. During an hour-long exchange on Mideast affairs preceding an official luncheon, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said the British government sees Israel's action as a totally unjustified breach of international law.

Flanked by senior cabinet colleagues Mrs. Thatcher told her berobed guests the shock development underscored the urgent need for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement. Britain and its European Community partners are giving top priority to that objective, she said.

Members of Khaled's entourage came away from the meeting saying they had the impression Britain will support a general United Nations condemnation of the Israeli action if and when one is presented to the Security Council which is due to convene Friday at Iraq's request.

The Khaled-Thatcher exchanges were relatively brief with half their time together taken up by interpreters. Defense Ministers of the two countries, Prince Sultan and John Nott, attended. So, too, did British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

British officials reported the talks at 10 Downing Street began with declarations relating to Israel's pinpoint destruction of Iraq's French-built nuclear reactor at Tammuz, near Baghdad, Sunday.

Adulterated oil blamed for Spanish pneumonia

MADRID, June 11 (AFP) — Spanish officials have ordered the closure of all vegetable oil-selling retailers following a report that adulterated oil may have caused an "atypical pneumonia" outbreak responsible for the death of 22 persons, a well-informed source said here Thursday.

Spanish health Director Gen. Luis Valenciano said Thursday that, according to first reports, all pneumonia victims had consumed some of the doctored oil sold by street peddlars.

Brig. Amin interviewed

New airport functioning efficiently from start

By Wahib Ghorab

JEDDAH, June 11 — The King Abdul Aziz International Airport handled 196 flights on the first day of its opening on May 31. "It's not an easy task, but we managed it," Brig. Gen. Yusuf Amin told *Arab News*. He said the successful operation of the flights came as a climax to "operation transfer" that saw the movement of 4,500 items of equip-



INTERVIEW: Brig. Yusuf Amin during the interview with Arab News.

ment and 607 big cars during the last 48 hours. "All this was done without disrupting the local traffic," he said.

Spread over an area of 105 square kilometers on the site between the Hijaz mountains and the Red Sea near Obhur creek, the new airport is expected to handle 8.6 million passengers per year by 1985 and 10 million per year by 2000. This will be made possible through the two commercial runways, one 3,300 meters long and the other 3,800 meters long. (A third serves the Royal Saudi Air Force.)

Such a huge project, Brig. Amin said, required the surmounting of a host of problems. The airport plan required some changes to bring it in line with the rapid growth of Jeddah. Except for the Medina Road, there

was no other route to the new airport. Today there are six main roads. "What we have achieved in six years would normally have taken at least 14 years for the same job," Brig. Amin said.

Asked what were the problems of the passengers, Brig. Amin said they were of a minor nature. For instance, the slow movement of saloons were making the passengers jittery. "We have not decided to beam target information in each saloon giving the passenger an idea of the airport and also some music."

Brig. Amin said the kingpin of the entire operation was the computer system. This had enabled instant retrieval of information regarding the various flights, the passenger capacity of each aircraft, the booking position and so on. "Still things are moving beyond our expectation," he said.

Replying to a question, Brig. Amin said the shifting operation was not an easy task. "But we decided to go ahead, knowing well the hurdles that lay before us."

Asked whether there was any training program for the staff, he said the main job of the KAAIAP was to build the airport. Even so, the project authorities were providing training facilities to the Kingdom's nationals. They had also decided to recruit students from the center for technical training at Makkah Road who were being trained in different fields. The KAAIAP was also coordinating with other departments on this project.

"Building an airport is not so much a problem for us as finding the qualified Saudi manpower to run it," Brig. Amin said. He said that as a result of the training program, the number of Saudi Arabians was expected to increase to between 50 and 75 percent during the next seven years. He said the accent in the training program will be on preparing citizens for the executive cadre.

Regarding the Haj facilities, Brig. Amin said they are simple but effective and independent of other facilities for the pilgrims. In fact some Islamic countries had already sent delegations to study the facilities at the airport.

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1,000 feared dead in Iran earthquake

TEHRAN, June 11 (Agencies) — A powerful earthquake struck Iran's southeastern province of Kerman Thursday and its governor said he feared that more than 1,000 persons had been buried in fallen buildings.

"We fear that more than 1,000 persons were buried under the rubble of their homes but the figure might still be much higher," said Governor Abolhossein Saveh, contacted by telephone. The worst-hit area was the town of Golbaf, which has 1,000 inhabitants, and its surrounding villages, the governor said.

Saveh said that four bodies had been recovered and brought to the provincial capital, also called Kerman. Helicopters airlifted the injured to hospitals in the region while rescue teams hurried to the disaster area, 80 kms southeast of Kerman and about 880 kms southeast of Tehran.

The quake measured 6.8 on the open-ended Richter Scale, the Geophysical Center in Tehran said. It timed the earthquake at 10:56 a.m. (0726 GMT). Pars, the official Iranian news agency confirmed it had reports of an earthquake. "We have no details whatever as yet," said a duty editor connected by telephone.

According to Saveh, the center of the earthquake was in the salt desert of Loot, east of Kerman. Kerman province is a sparsely populated area, but according to the governor some 40,000 persons live in the region of Golbaf.

Iran's Red Crescent aid organization sent rescue teams and aid into the area. Neither Saveh nor the Red Crescent could give any estimate of the damage caused by the earthquake, believed to have been Iran's strongest since the Tabas quake which killed 15,000 in September 1978. That earthquake measured about 7.6 on the Richter Scale.

Two-thirds of the houses in Golbaf were demolished and the casualty toll is expected to climb higher in the stricken area, said a spokesman.

Saud meets Iraqi president

Ministers discuss Israeli air attack

BAGHDAD, June 11 (AFP) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al Ahmad Thursday opened an emergency Arab League meeting in Baghdad by calling for a rapid and firm response to Israel's bombing Sunday of an Iraqi nuclear research center, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

Sheikh Sabah, the current league chairman, told the meeting that "a serious and rapid initiative on the part of participants was necessary after this (Israeli) aggression to preserve joint Arab action."

He called on all 21 participants to "pass resolutions in line with the gravity of the event". The meeting later continued behind closed doors to examine "an Iraqi work document" on the Israeli attack on the nuclear facility at Tammuz, near Baghdad, INA reported.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and all Arab countries with the exception of Egypt, suspended from the league for signing the peace treaty with Israel, attended the meeting. Cairo has, however, condemned the raid.

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, and two Yemens were represented by their foreign ministers.

Syria is represented by Faruk al Shareh, foreign ministry director general, and Libya by al Obeidi, a senior official in the external relations department. The PLO is represented by Faruk Kaddoumi, head of the political department. Sudan and Somalia are (Continued on back page)

Suspension not sufficient

U.S. halts jets to Israel

WASHINGTON, June 11 (Agencies) — President Reagan has taken the unprecedented step of suspending delivery of four combat planes to Israel because it used U.S.-supplied jets to bomb an Iraqi atom plant.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig told Congress Wednesday night that Israel may have been guilty of a "substantial violation" of restrictions on the use of U.S.-supplied weapons when it used F-15 and F-16 jets to bomb Iraq's Osirak nuclear plant Sunday.

Haig said that pending a review both with the Israelis and with Congress, Reagan was delaying shipment of four F-16 fighters which Israel was due to receive Thursday.

The U.S. Security Council is due to meet Friday to hear Iraq's complaint about the raid. The Baghdad government has called on U.N. members to impose mandatory sanctions on Israel.

Meanwhile, an Iraqi spokesman termed insufficient Wednesday the Reagan administration's suspension of a four plane shipment to Israel. He said the U.S. action would not deter his country from seeking the "maximum punishment" of the Zionist state through the U.N. Security Council.

Salah al-Mukhtar, press counselor of the Iraqi mission to the U.N., said Washington's suspension of the pending shipment of four F-16 jets was "a temporary solution" that could be overturned quickly after an ongoing U.S. government review.

The U.S. "has to stop sending any weapons to Israel because it violated American law" barring the use of U.S.-supplied weapons for offensive attacks on other countries. "We are going to ask for the maximum punishment against Israel," Al-Mukhtar told AP in referring to the complaint Iraq has filed with the 15-nation Security Council.

The Iraqi diplomat said his country would demand an international arms embargo against Israel as well as economic and technological sanctions.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hammadi, meanwhile, wrote a follow-up letter to the Security Council asking that it impose mandatory sanctions against Israel for its "premeditated act of aggression" in bombing the nuclear reactor. Sanctions also were demanded by the Arab League's U.N. representative.

The Arab League at the U.N. expects a resolution calling for sanctions against Israel to be submitted to the Security Council, a spokesman said Wednesday. Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, the League's U.N. observer, also said many of the foreign ministers and the League's Secretary-General

Chedli Klibi, would fly to New York for the Security Council meeting after the Baghdad meeting of Arab ministers.

In Beirut, a Palestinian commando leader Thursday described the U.S. decision to suspend delivery of four F-16 aircraft to Israel as political hypocrisy.

In London, six Arab ambassadors to Britain were to meet the British Deputy Foreign Minister Sir Ian Gilmour Thursday, the foreign office said. British officials said the initiative for the meeting came from United Arab Emirates (UAE) ambassador Sayed Muhammad Mahdi Al-Tajer.

In Tokyo, ambassadors from Arab countries Thursday urged Japan to take measures including sanctions to prevent further Israeli military actions such as this week's strike on the Iraqi plant.

They urged Japan as a member of the U.N. Security Council to "see to it that aggression is not only condemned in unequivocal terms but also effectively stopped by taking all necessary measures, including sanctions prescribed by the U.N. Charter."

Iraqi Ambassador Muhammad Amin Al-Jaff said Arab countries would decide their own political and military sanctions.

The *Mainichi Daily News*, English-language newspaper, commented editorially Thursday that the Israeli attack "cast a serious doubt on the dominant theory prompted by the U.S. and the Soviet Union that nuclear energy has served as a deterrent to another world war."

"The Israeli attack also proved that the Non-Nuclear Proliferation Treaty signed in 1968 is powerless before the reality of worldwide power struggle. Many non-nuclear countries including Japan have become parties to the treaty."

King Hussein of Jordan said in Amman Thursday Israel's attack was the latest in a series of "unprovoked and humiliating acts against the Arab nation." In a message addressed to President Reagan published early Thursday King Hussein said, "today this vital region of the world stands at a moment of truth, at a dangerous crossroad of open war and continued human suffering."

Also the Jordanian press Thursday called on all Arab states to impose an oil embargo on the U.S. and sever relations with the U.S. "Relations between the Arabs and the U.S. are very strange," the leading daily *Ed-Dustour* said. "If this were a relation between two lovers, they would have broken their relationship a long time ago."

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Jewish ad hoodwinks Americans on AWACS issue

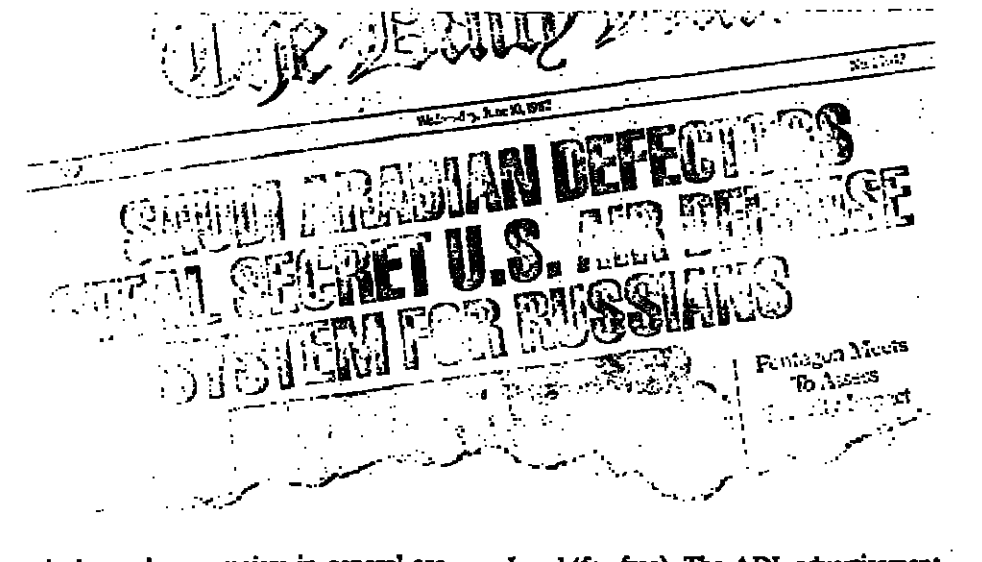
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 11 — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith — in a neatly fullpage advertisement in the *New York Times* — has attacked the Reagan administration's plan to sell Saudi Arabia five sophisticated airborne warning air planes. The ad calls Saudi Arabia "an oil arrogant, oil greedy nation," which B'nai B'rith says is "browbeating" the United States into selling it the electronic radar planes known as AWACS.

Using the format of an imaginary news headline — dated June 10, 1982 — the prominently displayed advertisement reads: "Saudi Arabian Defectors Steal Secret U.S. Air Defense System For Russians." The advertisement, which was not carried in either the *Washington Post* or the *Washington Star*, refers to Israel as an American "friend and ally" and alleges that the sale of the AWACS to Saudi Arabia would upset the balance of power between Israel and the "Arab countries who have pledged Israel's destruction."

Giving the Saudi Arabian Air Force control over the AWACS would increase by 1,000 percent the chance of the airplanes falling into Soviet hands, the advertisement claims. The paid ad by B'nai B'rith, a major Jewish organization, also attacked Saudi Arabia for its support of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Of course, anyone who knows anything whatsoever about Saudi Arabian politics and morals knows that the Soviet Union in



particular and communism in general are viewed by the Kingdom as two major threats.

The question raised by the ADL advertisement, therefore, is what would Israel gain from a U.S. refusal to sell AWACS planes to the Kingdom and what were the actual motives behind such an advertisement. Also Saudi Arabia has no relations with any communist nation.

Most of the sophisticated equipment found on the AWACS planes has already been obtained from the United States by

Israel (for free). The ADL advertisement, which proclaims that the "secrets" might be given to the Soviet Union, actually signals the way for Jewish communications with the Soviet Union to sell the information they already have and putting the blame elsewhere. It is quite possible, in fact, that the Soviet Union already has obtained that information from Jewish agents.

Close scrutiny of all prominent communist spies and agitators in the U.S. since World War II reveals that a majority of them were Jews. This was particularly true

during World War II and the years immediately thereafter, when numerous Jews were convicted for turning over secrets about the atomic bomb to Russia.

Even the highly-advertised "persecution" of Jews in Russia appears to be only a smoke screen. While the Jewish media portrays Nazi Germany (which actually fought communism) as an enemy, even 35 years after the war, Zionists have never voiced any threat from communism. Is it possible they feel that Zionism and communism are two sides of the same coin? Their policy has always been to start turmoil, riots and revolution and then stand back and watch.

Relatively few of the millions of Jews in Russia are persecuted or inconvenienced in any way. In the Jewish Press (July 14, 1978, page 2) Memahem Begin was quoted as saying, "the reason Russia resists any movement of the Jews to Israel is the displeasure of losing them and weakening the forces of the (Red) Revolution."

The difference between communism and Zionism appears to be a contrived difference, the Jews see themselves as the prosperous administrators of the system. Many observers have described Israel as a Marxist copy of Russia — the recent *Washington Post* advertisement is an attempt for the ADL to cover its tracks, if the sale does not go through, the organization will proclaim the victory of its ad, if it does, they will reveal that the guarded AWACS secrets have been leaked to the Soviet Union but of course they will not reveal that the information was sold to Russia by Jewish agents.

Readers Digest rewrites Bible

COLUMBIA, South Carolina June 11 (AP) — Readers Digest editors have been condensing great books for three decades, so it was only a matter of time before they tackled the Bible. Now, the five-year project is almost complete. We've already had all the jokes, like which commandment are you leaving out and all that stuff," says John Allen, a Readers Digest vice president and director of corporate affairs.

Allen says a staff of Biblical experts has spent years creating a volume designed to supplement the traditional family Bible, not replace it.

"People have been after us for a long time to do something to make the most-bought book in the world also the best-read book, editing it so that it's more readable," he said in a recent interview while here to promote the magazine's writing workshops at the University of South Carolina.

He said the new Bible won't be ready until September 1982, but the company will begin a direct mail promotional campaign soon. "We haven't cut it that much," he said. "The easiest example is all the begets and begats. There's a great deal of repetition which can be avoided." Allen said Readers Digest is expecting criticism from fundamentalists and others who don't believe the scriptures need editing.

"We've already had letters," he said. "I know they are sincere, but you know a lot of them probably believe the Bible was written in English. It's been through a number of translations and editions already."

Ben Bella arrives for pilgrimage

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, June 11 — Former President of Algeria Ahmed Ben Bella, who arrived here Wednesday, left for Makkah Thursday to perform Umra (minor pilgrimage). This is his first trip abroad since being released eight months ago after 14 years in detention. Ben Bella, who had his passport restored to him by the Algerian authorities, will be visiting besides Makkah other Islam's holy places accompanied by his wife and two adopted children.

The former president plans to spend about 10 days at Makkah. He is expected after his return here to make a trip to Europe, probably after Ramadan, taking him successively to Paris, London and Madrid.

Ben Bella had said before his release that one of his dearest wishes was to make a pilgrimage to Makkah as soon as he was free.

Gas complex to go on stream by 1982

RIYADH, June 11 (SPA) — The first stage of the government gas complex will be put into operation by the end of 1982, the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources announced here Thursday.

The gas purification and sulphur units as well as the liquid gas separating units have been completed in Bari and Shadqam. Reservoirs for various products and other facilities have also been made ready, the ministry said. The second project, whose

operation is expected to start by the end of 1984, includes the assembly of gases from Safaniah and Zalaf fields.

Meanwhile, an official spokesman of the ministry said that the government gas complex will export the natural liquefied gas after the completion of all storing facilities for 2.4 million barrels of propane and butane gases. The natural benzene, which is being stored in Ras Tanura with a storing capacity of 1.5 million barrels, will continue to be shipped according to previous schedule.

Riyadh U studies model projects

JEDDAH, June 11 — A committee formed by College of Engineering's Department of Architecture at the University of Riyadh is making final arrangements to judge projects submitted by 23 students expected to graduate this semester, a press statement said.

The projects, designed as models for King Faisal Islamic Foundation, include a hotel in Jeddah, a cultural center, a youth hostel in Taif and Al-Jazirah Press Foundation,

Other models represent a joint venture envisaging medium and low income housing projects. These are built under the close supervision of the teaching staff of the Department of Architecture at the university. A number of officials have been invited to take part in the ceremonies which will be held next Thursday. It is worth mentioning that all projects have been derived from the Saudi Arabian environment, reflecting famous Islamic architecture.

COMMENT

By Hamed Abbas Okaz

Driving through a street yesterday, I heard a watermelon seller offering his commodity for just five riyals per whole unit. I felt attracted and braked the car to get down and buy some. It was a pleasant surprise to find a real good watermelon for a small price, because only a few days ago I had bought one like this for SR 20. I demanded four pieces and tried to persuade the seller to make some concession, in appreciation of the fact that I was buying a good quantity of his commodity. He refused to oblige, saying that he was selling them at the cost price. I wondered why he wanted to sell the commodity at the cost price, and whether it is believable that one can sell any mer-

chandise without profit? Even if one is in a hurry, one would always like to sell the commodity at some profit. I thought and felt convinced that this small incident proves that profit must invariably be manifold in such a business. I started thinking that, if the buyers stick to a moderate attitude in the matter of prices and remain keen on a permissible profit, they can earn far more than they otherwise do through inflated profits. But, at the same time, I felt that people are always eager to buy things, no matter whether, by doing so, they deprive others of what they also would like to have. I could see no solution unless every action is guided by a call of conscience, which in fact always has a say on the attitude and behavior of mankind.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, June 11 (SPA) — The Kingdom's ambassador to Lebanon, Ali Al-Shaar, met Wednesday with Mahmoud Al-Mamouri, personal representative of the Arab League secretary general. They evaluated the Arab Follow-up Committee's works during its recent meeting in Beituddin Palace, and preparations for upcoming meetings. Shaer also met Wednesday with Dr. Robert, Lebanese health department director, and delivered a \$75,000 donation from the Saudi Arabian government for completing a public hospital in South Lebanon.

DAMMAM, June 11 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi will dedicate the Public Works and Housing Ministry's Eastern Province laboratory by the end of this month, officials reported Wednesday. The laboratory, which will examine reinforced concrete, soil, cement, metal, plaster and water, cost SR10 million to build.

JEDDAH, June 11 (SPA) — A trade delegation, comprising a large number of Canadian international companies directors, will visit the Kingdom June 23. The delegation will meet officials and businessmen here for talks on promoting cooperation and trade exchange between the two countries.

DAMMAM, June 11 (SPA) — Twelve laboratories that cost SR2.5 million have been completed for the Girls' Sciences College here, officials reported Wednesday. A tender will be issued for furnishing the laboratories so that they will be ready by the beginning of the next academic year.

DAMMAM, June 11 (SPA) — Hamdan Al-Sarhi, secretary general of the Eastern Province chamber of Commerce and industry, met Wednesday with an Indonesian trade delegation. The meeting, which discussed promoting trade cooperation, was attended by a number of businessmen in the Eastern Province. The Indonesian delegation, currently visiting the Eastern Province, represents various wood industries of the country.

RIYADH, June 11 (SPA) — Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University allocated SR1.5 million for organizing 16 summer centers in various places of the

Kingdom. The centers will start their activities as of June 17 and continue to provide cultural and social education for the two months' summer vacation.

MAKKAH, June 11 (SPA) — Ummul Qura University of Makkah will celebrate the graduation of its first class June 30, it was reported Wednesday. The ceremony will be held under Makkah Governor Prince Majed and will be attended by Higher Education Minister Hassan Abdullah Al-Sheikh.

SANAA, June 11 (SPA) — Saudia will start operating a new route between Sanaa and Cairo as of Friday to transport 1,400 Egyptian teachers working in North Yemen as part of the Saudi Arabian educational mission there.

JEDDAH, June 11 (SPA) — Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Abdul Rahman Mansouri received Wednesday the planning and administrative reform minister of Togo, Kodelolo Dogo. The Togo minister conveyed a written message from his country's leader to King Khaled. The minister arrived here Tuesday on a few days' visit to the Kingdom.

RIYADH, June 11 (SPA) — The Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Ministry held a function Wednesday marking the opening of the Telecommunications Institute's new buildings in Riyadh and the graduation of a new class from the telecommunications institutes in Riyadh and Jeddah. The ceremony was held under Riyadh Governor Prince Salman. The group comprises of 285 graduates.

TUNIS, June 11 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has donated SR1 million for renovating the Aqaba ibn Nafe mosque in Qairuan, Tunisia. A check by the amount was delivered by the Kingdom's ambassador there, Abdul Rahman Al-Umran, to Tunisian Cultural Affairs Minister Al-Bashir bin Salamah. The ambassador also handed a check of 20,000 Tunisian Dinars for repairing another mosque and another TD25,000 check to support an international seminar on energy resources held in Tunisia between May 23 and 30.

Plan set to develop airports

JEDDAH, June 11 (SPA) — The Department of Civil Aviation is giving full attention to the development of airports and the improvement of their operational quality, Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf, head of the Civil Aviation Department, said here Wednesday.

Among the new projects, he mentioned the Jizan airport and said it has been equipped with modern facilities to render the best possible services passenger. The first and second

stages of the new airport have cost over SR92.2 million, he added.

Meanwhile, Jizan airport director, As'ad Nejd, stated that the airport will be opened next Monday by the Governor of Jizan area Sheikh Muhammad ibn Turki Al-Sudairi. He added that the civil aviation department has plans to expand the building and the runways of the new airport.

Majed to open youth training center

JEDDAH, June 11 — Abdul Latif Jameel Administrative and Professional Center, the largest in the Middle East, will be inaugurated June 14 by Prince Majed governor of Makkah.

The center was established by Sheikh Abdul Latif Jameel at his own expense to train Saudi Arabian youth free of charge in managerial and professional skills up to

international standards.

Located on a 36,600 sq. ft. site, the center is equipped with a complete maintenance and technical workshop designed for practical training and includes eight training units: automobile, light and heavy vehicle, maintenance service, spare parts, warehousing and sale of vehicles.

SR1m donated for Tunisia mosque

TUNIS, June 11 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Thursday donated SR1 million for the repair work of Oqba bin Nafei mosque in Kairouan city of Tunisia. The Kingdom's ambassador here, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Umran presented the check on behalf of King Khaled's government to Tunisian Minister of Cultural Affairs, al Al-Basheer bin Salamah. The Tunisian minister hailed the "strong

Saudi-Tunisian ties since the dawn of history." The ambassador lauded the efforts of the Tunisia government in preserving the Islamic heritage by taking proper care for the mosques and the Islamic holy shrines.

He handed to the Tunisian minister a separate check of Dinars 20,000 as the Kingdom's contribution for setting up the Sidi Ashour Mosque.

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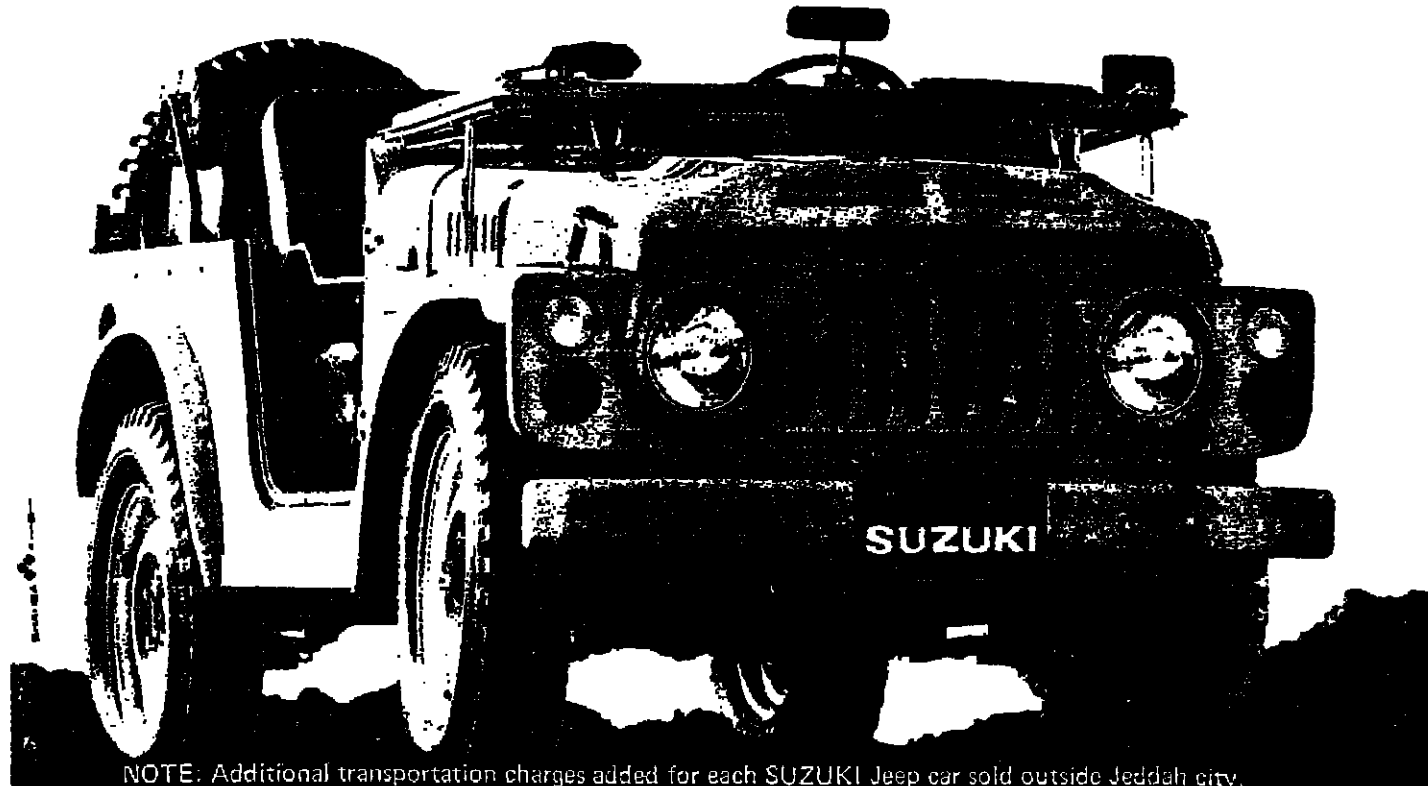
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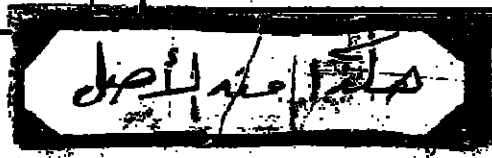
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Israeli raid on reactor angers Sadat

CAIRO, June 11 (R) — Angry and embarrassed, Egypt has been caught in a dilemma by Israel's bombing of an Iraqi nuclear plant.

Egypt condemned the attack as dangerous, irresponsible and without justification. But the danger for President Anwar Sadat, Western diplomats say, is that strong protest action might jeopardize the recovery of Israeli-occupied territory in Sinai which is due to be handed back next April. They doubt he will risk harming the recovery of the land.

The raid has dealt a blow to what little standing Sadat had in the Arab world, the diplomats say, and the peace with Israel on which he has staked his prestige. It was made only three days after Sadat embraced Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin at Sharm-el-Sheikh in Sinai at a summit billed

as an effort to reduce Middle East tensions. There was widespread surprise here that Sadat went to Sharm-el-Sheikh for what many Egyptians suspected was an event staged to help Begin's campaign for reelection.

Initially, Cairo was pleased with the outcome. The president won a public pledge that Begin would allow time to defuse Israel's crisis with Syria over the use of air power in Lebanon. He returned home hoping that he had helped avert a war.

But officials here now regret that the meeting took place. Although Begin said he did not tell the president about his plans to attack Baghdad, the summit has left a feeling in Cairo that Sadat was betrayed by

Begin. The recurring question has been why Begin exposed President Sadat, his partner in the Camp David peace drive, to the embarrassment of a summit just before the Baghdad bombing.

Some Western and Egyptian analysts believe Begin hoped to deepen the split between Egypt and other Arabs. Only 11 days before the summit, Sadat was in Sudan on his first visit to an Arab League state since signing Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel. Any hopes Cairo harbored that the trip could lead to a wider rapprochement with its Arab critics have now almost certainly been set back, diplomats believe.

So far, Cairo's protests like the rest of the Arab world's, have been limited to state-

ments of condemnation. Despite calls in parliament for the expulsion of Israel's ambassador, the government has given no sign Egypt will reduce its links with the Zionist state. Amid the furor over the raid, Egypt and Israel quietly continued negotiations over a multi-national peacekeeping force for Sinai when Israel completes its withdrawal from the peninsula next year.

Cairo apparently wants to avoid providing Israel with a pretext to delay the handover of the last portion of occupied Sinai. "There may not be much left to salvage from Camp David," one diplomat said.

The peace process has ground to a virtual halt with the failure to agree on autonomy for the Palestinians and normalization of

bilateral relations has not developed as originally envisaged. "After this week, it is going to be harder than ever for President Sadat to convert other Arabs to the idea of talking to Israel," an Egyptian official lamented.

Egypt, Washington's closest friend in the Arab world, is urging the U.S. to restrain Israel and to reconsider its Middle East policy in the light of the Baghdad raid.

The U.S. decision to suspend delivery of four F-16 aircraft to Israel was the first evidence of the reappraisal Cairo is looking for in Washington.

The semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* argued this week that the Israeli raid strengthened the case for arming the Arabs

because they needed protection against Israel as well as the Soviet Union.

Al-Ahram also cleared up any doubts that Cairo was hoping for Begin's defeat in the June 30 elections. It asked the Israelis to vote for peace "rather than the use of arms and planes..."

The Israeli raid was seen almost certain to force the cancellation of a meeting between Labor Party leader Shimon Peres and Sadat, scheduled to take place Sunday in Alexandria.

Secretaries in Peres' office in Tel Aviv said Thursday the meeting was definitely cancelled. The decision to scrub the meeting was believed to have been initiated by Peres, who reportedly felt that there was no point in seeing Sadat while the Egyptian leader is angered and insulted about Sunday's raid on the reactor.

Sadr stripped of army powers

BEIRUT, June 11 (Agencies) — Iran's leader Ayatollah Khomeini put acting chief of staff Maj. Gen. Valeollah Fallahi in charge of the conduct of the war with Iraq Thursday, a day after the Ayatollah fired President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr as commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

Khomeini's move was announced over Iran's state radio in Tehran, which also reported that Bani-Sadr returned to the capital Thursday morning from five days from the war front.

In reporting Bani-Sadr's return, Tehran radio referred to him as "the president," a clear indication that Khomeini had not removed the secular-minded Bani-Sadr from the nation's top post.

Meanwhile, slogan-shouting mobs besieged Bani-Sadr's office Thursday calling him the second Shah and demanding his execution. They shouted outside the iron gates of the president's official quarters that he must be prevented from leaving Iran, put in trial and executed. "Until the death of the second Shah, our revolution will continue," the owners proclaimed. Bani-Sadr was in the meantime conferring with his staff after returning from his last visit to the war front.

The Yugoslov news agency Tanjug had reported Wednesday Khomeini rejected anti-Sadr's resignation. Quoting unofficial sources, Tanjug said the resignation was offered after Bani-Sadr was sharply criticized by Khomeini.

Tanjug said Khomeini rejected the resignation apparently because Bani-Sadr seems to have retained the support of military chiefs and secular political parties in Iran's current power struggle.

Bani-Sadr has little choice but to resign if he sticks to a pledge last month. "If it was decided that the president was merely a ceremonial figure... then it would be better if the people elect another one," the 48-year-old Western-educated president said then.

Another bitter blow to Bani-Sadr was a communique from the joint staff of the armed forces Wednesday leaving no doubt the military would obey Ayatollah Khomeini in any showdown.

According to the new bill passed Wednesday, the president will have five days — or in case of urgency 48 hours — to sign a bill after it has been passed by parliament. After this, the bill will automatically become law. Paradoxically, this new bill should be approved by the president to become law.

Over the past few months, Bani-Sadr repeatedly refused to approve a bill giving Premier Muhammad Ali Rajai the power to temporarily assume the foreign ministry portfolio. He had earlier refused a list of nominees to the post submitted by Premier Rajai.

In another development, Finance Minister Hussein Namazi named his deputy, Mohsen Nourbakhsh, as governor of the Iranian Central Bank, Pars reported. The nomination followed the resignation, announced earlier today, of Ali Reza Nobari.

On the war front, Iran said Wednesday its forces shelled the Iraqi oil well at Kut el-Zein during battles that raged overnight in the southern sector.

A communique carried by the official Iranian News Agency, Pars also claimed 26 Iraqi soldiers were killed in the battles that raged near the northern tip of the Gulf. Another communique said two Iraqi MiG jet fighters and a helicopter gunship were shot down Wednesday by Iranian anti-aircraft defense in the Kurdish-populated west Iran province of Marivan.

Syria threatens to hit back if Israel attacks missiles

BEIRUT, June 11 (AP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad has threatened to destroy Israeli warplanes and "even more than that" if they attack Syria's recently-deployed anti-aircraft missiles in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, the Syrian state radio reported Thursday.

But Assad left the door open for American diplomacy to try to reach a negotiated settlement of the missile confrontation, saying he was willing to meet again with U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib, who is now in Lebanon, according to the Damascus broadcast. Habib spent the last two days in conferences with Lebanese government leader and civil war antagonists aimed at resolving the crisis. "Here are enough weapons in Lebanon to destroy the whole country within hours," Lebanese President Elias Sarkis told a cabinet session held to discuss means of consolidating a four-day-old ceasefire. A government statement also quoted Sarkis as telling his ministers the quantity of arms in

Lebanon today was 10 times what it was in 1976.

As the Arab League-sponsored ceasefire silenced the guns in central and eastern Lebanon, violence was reported in the south. Provincial Lebanese authorities said an Israeli commando force moved in to the U.N.-policed village of Toulun in southern Lebanon before dawn and blew up the house of a suspected supporter of Palestinian movement.

A spokesman for the governor's office in Sidon said a man and his wife died under the rubble of their blown up house, but their three children were rescued and hospitalized. U.N. spokesman Samir Sanbar confirmed the house-blowing operation but said initial U.N. reports had five persons killed in the debris.

Provincial authorities also reported a booby-trapped car exploded at the entrance to Tyre, killing five persons and injuring 40 in the city.

Klaauw concludes Gulf tour

MUSCAT, June 11 (R) — The Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher van der Klaauw, who is also current chairman of the European Economic Community's council of ministers, left Muscat Thursday for home at the conclusion of the last leg of a Gulf tour to hear views about the EEC peace initiative on the Middle East.

Klaauw, who visited Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, is to

report to the European council in Luxembourg June 29. The Gulf leaders he met welcomed the EEC move but stressed that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) must be allowed to participate in any settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. They also stressed that the Palestinians must be allowed the right of self-determination and their right to have their own state should not be denied to them. The EEC says it would co-ordinate its peace efforts with the U.S.

Ex-Afghan king ready to forge unity

ROME, June 11 (AP) — The deposed King of Afghanistan Thursday said publicly for the first time that he is ready to answer a call to help unite resistance forces fighting to drive Soviet troops from his homeland.

"It is the solemn duty of every patriot to render his services entirely and uncondition-

ally. I do not regard myself an exception to the rule," Muhammad Zahir Shah said in written replies to questions submitted by the AP. It was the first time that the 66-year-old former monarch has responded to queries from the press since a coup ended his 40-year reign in 1973.

Egypt to buy 16 Mirage jets

CAIRO, June 11 (AFP) — Egypt has signed a contract to buy 16 Mirage-FV fighter planes from France, Egyptian Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala said Wednesday night.

Ghazala told a Middle East News Agency journalist in Paris that an Egyptian delegation had signed the sales agreement recently in France. Egypt already owns about 60 Mirage jets, several of which are F-VS, as well as American Phantom and F-16 jets. The Soviet MiG-1 planes which formed the backbone of

Egypt's air force until 1973 have been largely replaced.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Paris Wednesday for a six-day visit during which he is expected to invite French President Francois Mitterrand to make an official visit to Cairo. Mubarak, a former air force general, also will visit the Paris air show where he is expected to have talks with French officials on a possible purchase by Egypt of the Mirage 200 jet, successor to the Mirage III that is expected to go into production in 1983.

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Waldheim announces

U.N. to hold Cambodia meeting

PEKING, June 11 (AP) — United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said Thursday that Vietnam and the Soviet Union have refused to attend a U.N. conference on Cambodia but the conference will go on.

Waldheim said their absence creates a "certain problem" but as secretary-general he is obliged to convene the conference. He made the statement in a news conference after meeting China's top leader, Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping. China supports the U.N. conference, scheduled for July.

Waldheim said he has received 17 replies to questionnaires sent to 142 U.N. members who took part in the vote seating Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia), asking whether they wanted to attend the conference. Invitations will be sent to those countries which want to attend.

"Vietnam and the Soviet Union already have declined," Waldheim said, "but that doesn't mean the conference does not take place." He said, "for me as secretary-general, it is my duty to implement the decision and this is why I came to the conclusion, after

consultations, to go ahead with the proceeding."

Sources close to Waldheim said they expected about 60 countries to take part in the New York conference.

He said the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is considering the establishment of a working group or committee to follow up on the U.N. conference. He said ASEAN might be able to contact "the other side" — meaning Vietnam and the Soviet Union — to open negotiations with them.

Waldheim also said he did not know if he would cut short his China visit for the Security Council meeting on the Israeli attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor. He said that if Friday's meeting is adjourned, he could return for later, extensive debate.

Waldheim, who arrived Wednesday, held a second round of talks with Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Huang Hua Thursday afternoon.

Waldheim said that his discussions with Deng and Huang Hua centered mostly on

Asian problems, including Cambodia, the U.N. conference, the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan, the problem of the divided Korean peninsula and the Middle East.

He said the Chinese leaders repeated China's condemnation of Israel's attack on Iraq's nuclear power plant.

Asked about the realistic outlook for a U.N. conference without Vietnam or the Soviet Union, Waldheim said, "you have a certain point, but the General Assembly has adopted a resolution by 97 member states requesting the secretary-general to take all steps for convening a conference."

The secretary-general said he did not know if he would meet U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. who is scheduled to arrive Sunday in Peking. He said he spoke to Haig before leaving New York.

Waldheim is scheduled to leave Peking Friday for Xian and the Yangtze River gorges. He returns Monday to meet Premier Zhao Ziyang and departs that day for New York.

U.S. rules out bargaining with terrorists

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's adviser on terrorism has vowed that the administration will pay no ransom, release no prisoners and make no concessions to international terrorists.

Undersecretary of State Richard T. Kennedy took the position at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing Wednesday. "We have publicly put terrorists on notice that they can expect no concessions from us," Kennedy testified. "We will not pay ransom or release prisoners. We will not bargain for the release of hostages."

"Of course, we would have discussions in a hostage situation... as long as they (the terrorists) understand there is no way out of it," Kennedy said. "There will be no discussion on substantive demands. There will be discussion on humanitarian concerns."

Kennedy said the administration is encouraging other countries to take that same position against terrorism. Calling the position outlined by Kennedy "drastic change in what we will do," John Glenn said, "I hope we mean it."

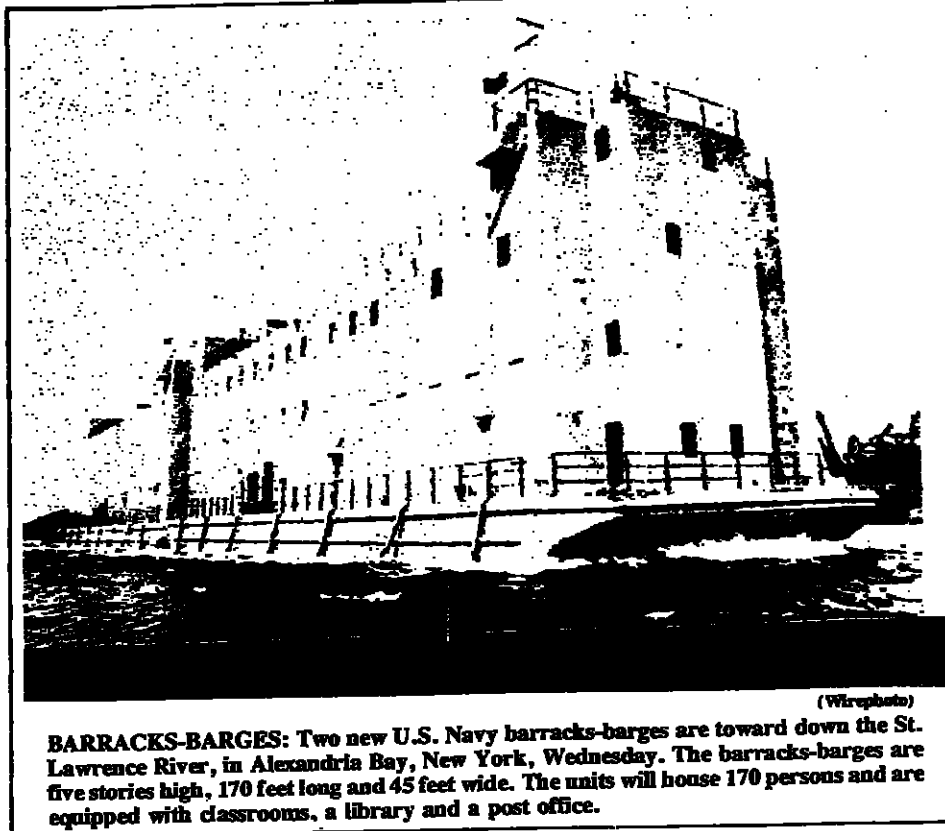
Glenn added: "I think we have acceded to blackmail in about every case. I think that is what has brought us to some of the deepening, expanding efforts of terrorism around the world, because they basically can get away with it."

Kennedy's statement was the administration's first elaboration on President Reagan's statement Jan. 27 to U.S. hostages just out of Iran that any future terrorism would bring swift retribution. "Let terrorists be aware that when the rules of international behavior are violated our policy will be one of swift and effective retribution," Reagan said then.

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. declared the next day that "international terrorism will take the place of human rights" as the administration's priority concern. Kennedy did not describe a policy of retribution but said "all diplomatic, economic and military measures" necessary and warranted would be taken to resolve a hostage or other terrorist event.

Bruce Laingen, who was in charge of U.S. Affairs, was the highest ranking of the 53 U.S. hostages held by Iran, was present at the hearing but declined to comment on the administration stance. Laingen testified shortly after the hostages were released that he did not believe the United States should "exclude anything" in dealing with a hostage crisis.

When Glenn asked Kennedy if the position meant the Reagan administration would not have bargained for the hostages, Kennedy declined to say yes or no but simply repeated what the new policy is. On another subject, Kennedy indicated the administration is considering but has not decided in detail how it would handle a blackmail threat by a terrorist group.



(Wirephoto)
BARRACKS-BARGES: Two new U.S. Navy barracks-barges are towed down the St. Lawrence River, in Alexandria Bay, New York, Wednesday. The barracks-barges are five stories high, 170 feet long and 45 feet wide. The units will house 170 persons and are equipped with classrooms, a library and a post office.

Earth moves faster, makes days longer

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP) — If life seems faster today, it might not be your imagination. For the first time in a quarter century, the earth's rotation has quickened, the United States' chief timekeeper says.

This reverses — at least temporarily — an eons-old slowing pattern that has made the average day about an hour longer than when dinosaurs populated the planet, according to Dr. Gernot Winkler, head of the time division at the U.S. Naval Observatory.

The last rotation speedup was noticed by scientists in 1955, and the most recent major acceleration occurred in the latter part of the 19th century, Winkler said. Many scientists believe the long-term slowing is caused by the friction of the oceans, which are pulled by the moon's gravity.

"The whole thing is not really too well understood," said Winkler, who speculated that slowdowns may be caused by friction within the earth. The earth's core spins faster than its crust, he said, because the ocean friction and pull of the moon act directly on the surface.

It may be that the core acts somewhat like a flywheel, occasionally pulling the crust along to speed it up, according to Winkler. He said scientists speculate that the changes may be related to atmospheric pressure waves generated by the sun's heat or by interaction of the solar wind with the earth's magnetic field.

To keep clocks even with astronomical time, a "leap second" is added periodically, Winkler explained. "Leap seconds" were inserted on Dec. 31 each year from 1973 through 1979, but to compensate for the speedup, last December's "leap second" will not be added until June 31, Winkler said.

The actual decision on adding a "leap second" is made by the International Time Bureau in Paris.

In uncharted African jungles

Americans to spot dinosaur

LOS ANGELES, June 11 (AP) — It sounds like a movie, but two scientist-adventurers say they're going to search uncharted African jungles this summer for what may be a living species of dinosaur that somehow escaped extinction 60 million years ago.

"Whether there are dinosaurs or not, we don't know. But we're going to check it out," said biologist Roy P. Mackal of the University of Chicago. "I admit to having some romance in my soul." "He concedes much of the scientific community is skeptical or worse, but "that doesn't bother us."

"If they say it's extremely unlikely, then I'm the first to agree," he said Wednesday. "But it's not impossible. We've got to check out the longshots because they pay off once in a while."

Mackal said in a telephone interview that pygmies in remote areas of the Congo have reported encounters with a bizarre creature twice the size of an elephant. The stories, he said, were almost always second-hand. They called the water-dwelling creature Mokele-Mbembe.

But last year, Mackal said he spent a month in the Congo and "we were able to penetrate to an area where we got first hand reports, not just people saying, 'my grandfather told me about this when I was a boy.'"

He said members of different tribes and regions "all described essentially the same thing. That leads me to think that there is an animal of some kind out there." He said the region, rarely visited by outsiders, has changed little in 70 million years, "so if there is a relic species, this would be a good place for it... It's like a lost world in some ways."

In Los Angeles, consulting engineer Herman Regusters, a co-organizer of the

three-month search to begin in the Congo in August, said Mackal showed the natives pictures of a variety of animals.

They readily identified the creatures as an elephant or hippopotamus. They almost always identified as the Mokele-Mbembe an artist's drawing of a brontosaurus, a classic vegetarian dinosaur.

Regusters said natives of the region describe a brownish-gray creature with short, thick legs that weighs perhaps 9 to 15 tons and stretches some 35 feet (about 105 meters) from its small head on a long neck to the end of its tail.

He said stories tell of fishermen being killed, but not eaten, by the creature and of at least one Mokele-Mbembe being killed by pygmies about 1959. He also cited reports of footprints "a lot like the footprints of an elephant but with claws. They were about 36 inches (about 90 cms) across."

"They said it (the creature) is rarely seen except in the early morning and late evening when it emerges from the water (to feed on riverside vegetation). Other than that, it seems to stay in the water like a hippo."

Regusters said the expedition, which also is to include botanist Richard Greenwell of the University of Arizona, has been approved by the government of the Congo. He says the team has no interest in killing or capturing a Mokele-Mbembe, but only photographing it.

The expedition, which is not officially supported by any institution or foundation, is being run on a shoestring. Regusters said they may make the trip with as little as \$30,000 in private contributions and an assortment of instruments, cameras, weapons and other equipment donated by various companies. He said the group plans to live off the land most of the time.

their defensive capacity and step up their armed forces' preparations for combat, Tass reported here.

SYDNEY, (AFP) — An unemployed Sydney man appeared in court Thursday charged with the kidnapping on Tuesday of a business tycoon's wife who was rescued Wednesday night after spending 36 hours chained to a tree. The kidnapper was remanded in custody till June 22.

LONDON, (AP) — A 41-gun salute boomed across London's Hyde Park and a 62-gun salute from the Tower of London Wednesday to mark the 60th birthday of Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, who for 34 years has walked a few paces behind his wife on joint formal occasions.

PEKING, (AP) — Medium to heavy rain in the past three days has eased the drought in east China's Shandong, Henan, Jiangsu and northern Anhui provinces; the official Xinhua news agency reported Thursday.

BRIEFS

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Pierre Soupert, the first researcher to publish scientific evidence of successful human fertilization in the laboratory, died Wednesday of lung cancer. He was 58. Soupert, a celebrated biochemist and expert on fertilization mechanisms, was the first scientist who published information on successful human in vitro fertilization — the technique used to produce "test tube" babies.

BUFFALO, New York (AP) — Surgeons removed four inches of large intestine Wednesday from Ann Odre in her third operation since she was shot in the attack on Pope John Paul II. Dr. Robert Milch, who with Dr. Richard Peer performed the operation, said the 58-year-old widow came through "about as well as could be expected under the circumstances."

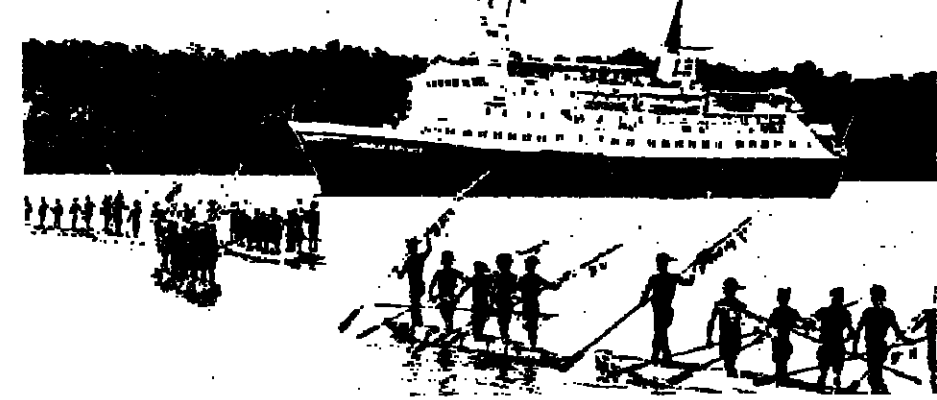
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Times' union ends walkout

LONDON, June 11 (AP) — Print workers at Times newspapers were ordered to end an unofficial walkout Wednesday after Australian newspaper tycoon Rupert Murdoch threatened to close *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*.

The move by the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat) was aimed at defusing the first major dispute in the newspaper group since Murdoch bought it from the International Thomson Organization based in Toronto, Canada, in February for \$12 million (then worth \$27.6 million).

George Willowby, secretary of Sogat's central London Branch, said Thursday: "I'm prepared to give Times management a guarantee there will be no disruption this

Saturday ... The sooner we get back to negotiating on the cause of the dispute the better."

However, Sogat Deputy General Secretary Bill Miles accused Murdoch of "industrial blackmail." He stressed: "While I don't condone our members walking off the job, equally I don't think it helpful to make these threats of closure."

The Thomson Organization sold the loss-making Times group because of persistent labor problems that resulted in an 11-month suspension of publication. The 300 Sogat members walked out early Sunday over a wage dispute involving pay differentials with another print union, causing the loss of 400,000 copies of *The Sunday Times*.

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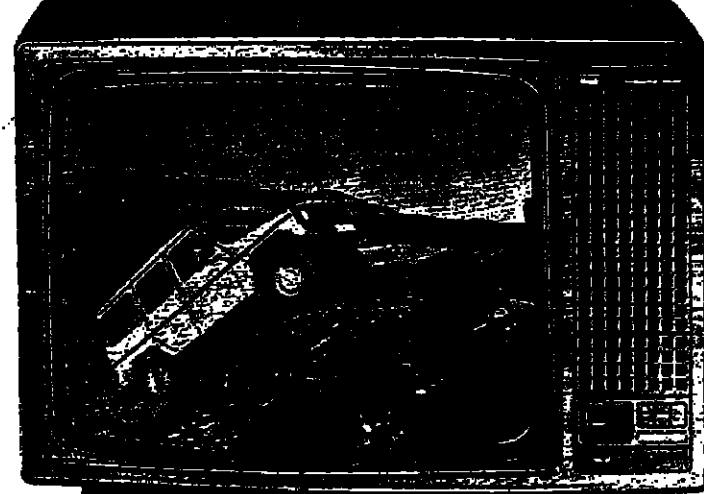
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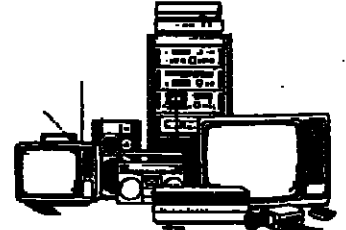
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The night of the heavyweight stars

DETROIT, June 11 (AP) — The dishes on the menu at Larry Holmes' four corner lunge in Easton, Pennsylvania, are named after fighters. The proprietor plans on adding an entree for Leon Spinks — "whipped potatoes."

Holmes will defend the World Boxing Council heavyweight championship against Spinks Friday night at the 21,000-seat Joe Louis arena, he predicts that "I'm going to stop Leon. He's definitely going to get knocked out. It don't matter. He's been knocked out before."

The 27-year-old Spinks was knocked out in the first round by Gerrie Coetzee June 6, 1979. But last year he knocked out Alfredo Evangelista, drew with Eddie "Animal" Lopez and knocked out Kevin Isaac and Bernardo Mercado to earn his second shot at the heavyweight title in only his 15th pro fight.

The 1976 Olympic light-heavyweight champion got his first title shot in his eighth fight, and he upset Muhammad Ali on a split decision Feb. 15, 1978. Stripped of title recognition by the WBC for his failure

to defend against Ken Norton, Spinks then lost the World Boxing Association title to Ali Sept. 15, 1978.

"Leon has a lot of going for him," said the 31-year-old Holmes, noting that while Spinks is getting his second championship bid in only 15 fights, it took him over five years and 27 fights before he got a title shot. He won the WBC crown on a split decision over Norton June 2, 1978. "I think he's been blessed," said Holmes, but he added, "I think Leon's had all the blessing he's supposed to receive."

Holmes and Spinks appeared with other principals at a press luncheon Wednesday. Spinks, who is notorious for being late for engagements, was on time for luncheon. Tuesday when he was on time for his workout after having been 1½ hours late the day before, Spinks told reporters, "give me a hand, I'm on time."



Leon Spinks



Larry Holmes

The champ said: "I must beat Spinks or else I would not drive in my new Rolls Royce." I don't want people to say there goes Larry Holmes, Leon whipped the ... out of him. I want people to say there goes Larry, the heavyweight champion of the world."

The challenger, who has trained hard at an isolation camp in the northern woods of Michigan for the last eight weeks and, though a three to one underdog, is likely to give Holmes a hard time.

Spinks trying to live down a chequered past, said he was now a lot more mature and experienced, both in and out of the ring. He further added that he has polished up his boxing skills under his new trainer, Eddie Futch. Holmes broke with his long-time trainer Richie Giachetti just before the Berbick bout last April.

Both fighters appear to be in top physical

condition for the scheduled 15-round bout, which will be worth about \$2 million to Holmes and about \$500,000 to Spinks. And both appear loose.

When asked how he would overcome Holmes' five-inch (12.5 cm) reach advantage and excellent left jab, Spinks cracked: "how do you escape anybody who wings at you ... move your head."

The first heavyweight title fight in Detroit since Joe Frazier knocked out Bob Foster in two rounds Nov. 18, 1970, is being billed as a tribute to the late Joe Louis, who came out of this city to become one of the greatest heavyweight champions.

The card will also feature two other highly regarded bouts and a title defense by Saoul Mamby, the WBC super lightweight champion. Michael Dokes, the WBC's No. 3-ranked heavyweight contender, will fight European champion John L. Gardner of England, while Greg Page, ranked No. 4, will meet former European champion Evangelista of Spain. Both fights are 10-rounders.

Rose equals Musial's mark

Phillies put it across Astros again

NEW YORK, June 11 (AP) — Pete Rose's 11-inning single tied Stan Musial's National League record of 3,630 career hits, then try Maddox hit a three-run homer in a 7-1 eighth inning that vaulted the Philadelphia Phillies to a 5-4 victory over the Houston Astros Wednesday night.

Rose, in his 19th major league season, tied Nolan Ryan's fourth pitch of the game center field to tie the record set by Musial 22 years with the St. Louis Cardinals. It extended Rose's hitting streak to 14 games.

Ryan then pitched no-hit ball until the eighth, striking out Rose in the third, fifth and eighth innings as Houston built a 4-0 lead. But with two away in the eighth, Ryan gave up a single to pinch-hitter George Vukovich and left the game with stiffness in his lower back.

Gary Matthews greeted Frank Lacorte with an RBI double. Mike Schmidt walked and Dick Davis singled. Matthews home before Maddox homered.

Elsewhere in the National League, Larry Parrish hit a three-run homer in the fifth

inning to highlight a 12-hit attack that carried Montreal to an 11-2 romp over Atlanta.

Jerry Reuss pitched a three-hitter, while Ken Landreau's two-run single and Mike Scioscia's RBI double headed a 14-hit attack that powered Los Angeles past St. Louis 4-1. Rupert Jones' three-run homer propelled San Diego past Pittsburgh 3-2. And Mario Soto tossed a six-hitter and George Foster homered to carry Cincinnati to a 2-0 victory over the New York Mets.

In the American League, Jack Morris pitched an eight-hitter en route to his seventh consecutive complete game and Steve Kemp drove in two runs with a single and his sixth homer of the year as Detroit defeated Minnesota 4-2.

Amos Otis drove in four runs on four hits, including a tie-breaking two-run double in the eighth inning, and George Brett hit his first homer of the season as Kansas City handed Toronto its 10th consecutive loss with a 7-4 victory.

Eddie Murray drove home one run and set up another and Mike Flanagan pitched 71-3 innings of two-hit ball, leading Baltimore to a 3-1 victory over Oakland.

Don Baylor drove in two runs with a first-inning single and Rick Burleson homered as California downed Cleveland 4-3.

McEnroe slams way to victory

LONDON, June 11 (AP) — John McEnroe beat Mark Edmondson of Australia 6-3, 6-3 Wednesday with a set of tennis balls he said were not round.

The American left-hander complained about the balls in the second set of a second match in the \$150,000 Stella Artois Grass Courts Tournament at London's Queen's Club.

"We can't play with at London's Queen's Club."

"We can't play with these balls," he shouted to the woman umpire. "They are not round." The umpire got down from her seat, bounced each ball in turn and decided there was nothing wrong with them. McEnroe shrugged, played on and slammed his way to victory.

Tanner, the No. 2 seed, got a service break in each set to defeat Greg Whitecross of Australia, 6-3, 6-4. Gottfried, seeded No. 3, came from behind to eliminate fellow-American Nick Saviano 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Gottfried dropped only two points on his service in the final set, and one of those was a double fault.

Teacher, seeded fourth, outplayed John Lloyd of Britain 6-1, 6-2. Sadri, the No. 5, stepped up his service as the match went on and overcame Syd Ball of Australia 6-3, 6-2.

Sebastian Coe shatters own 800-m world mark

FLORENCE, Italy, June 11 (R) — Britain's Sebastian Coe broke his own world 800 meters record by more than half a second in an international meet here Wednesday night, leaving behind all opposition before half the race was over and winning alone in a time of one minute 41.72 seconds.

But faulty electronic timing equipment made him wait for 10 agonising minutes after his record-shattering run before the organizers announced the time. As they did so, the

Florentine crowd burst into rapturous applause for the slightly-built Englishman.

But seconds later the cheers turned to boos and whistles as the public address system told them that the same faulty equipment had wrongly awarded a world 100 meters record to American runner Carl Lewis.

Lewis was at first credited with 9.92 seconds, which would have clipped three-hundredths of a second off Jim Hines' 12-year-old record, but this was later altered to 10.13 seconds.

Coe's previous world best, set in Oslo nearly two years ago, was 1:42.33. "It's getting under one minute 42 seconds that is the great thing for me," said Coe, putting on his track suit after three triumphant laps of honor.

"It was as hard a race as I have won for a long time. In the last 30 meters I was beginning to tire, but apart from that there was no problem."

Although it was virtually a one-man race, Coe said he had not felt the lack of a pacer. "I didn't need pushing — I'm at my best just running."

The temperature in the Florence stadium Wednesday night was around 20 degrees centigrade with virtually no wind and 50 percent humidity. "Just the way I like it," said Coe, clutching the watch his father had held throughout the race and which showed a time of 1:41.69.

"It was terrible waiting for ten minutes, but I didn't think our watch could be very far wrong," he said.

Coe, who formerly also held the 1,500 meters record until he lost it last year to fellow-countryman Steve Ovett, commented: "I feel I have to try for it now."



GOING GREAT GUNS: Britain's Sebastian Coe crosses the finish line of the 800-meter event in 1:41.72 secs to better his own world mark at an international meet in Florence Wednesday.

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First-half goals by Carl Valentine and

Cosmos scores narrow win

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida June 11 (AP) — The New York Cosmos held on to their commanding lead in the North American Soccer League's Eastern Division Wednesday night with a 2-1 overtime win over the Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

The Cosmos now are 12-4, while the loss at Lockhart Stadium dropped the Strikers' record to 8-7. Fort Lauderdale is second in the NASL Southern Division behind the Atlanta Chiefs.

The match remained scoreless at halftime. The Cosmos finally broke the ice at 57:11 when Rookie Chico took a pass from Julio Cesar Romero and put it past Jan Van Beveran for the goal.

The Strikers tied it at 1-1 at 87:55 when Thomas Rongen scored on a pass from Nene Cubillas. The overtime didn't last long as Francis Van Elst scored an unassisted goal at 94:03.

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Peter Beardsley carried the Vancouver Whitecaps to a 3-1 victory over the Chicago Sting. Ray Hankin added a late goal for the Whitecaps and defender Bret Hall scored for the Sting.

The Whitecaps, 9-5, moved into third place in the over-all standings with 80 points, and also four points ahead of the second-place Seattle Sounders in the Northwest Division.

Gower dazzles with the bat

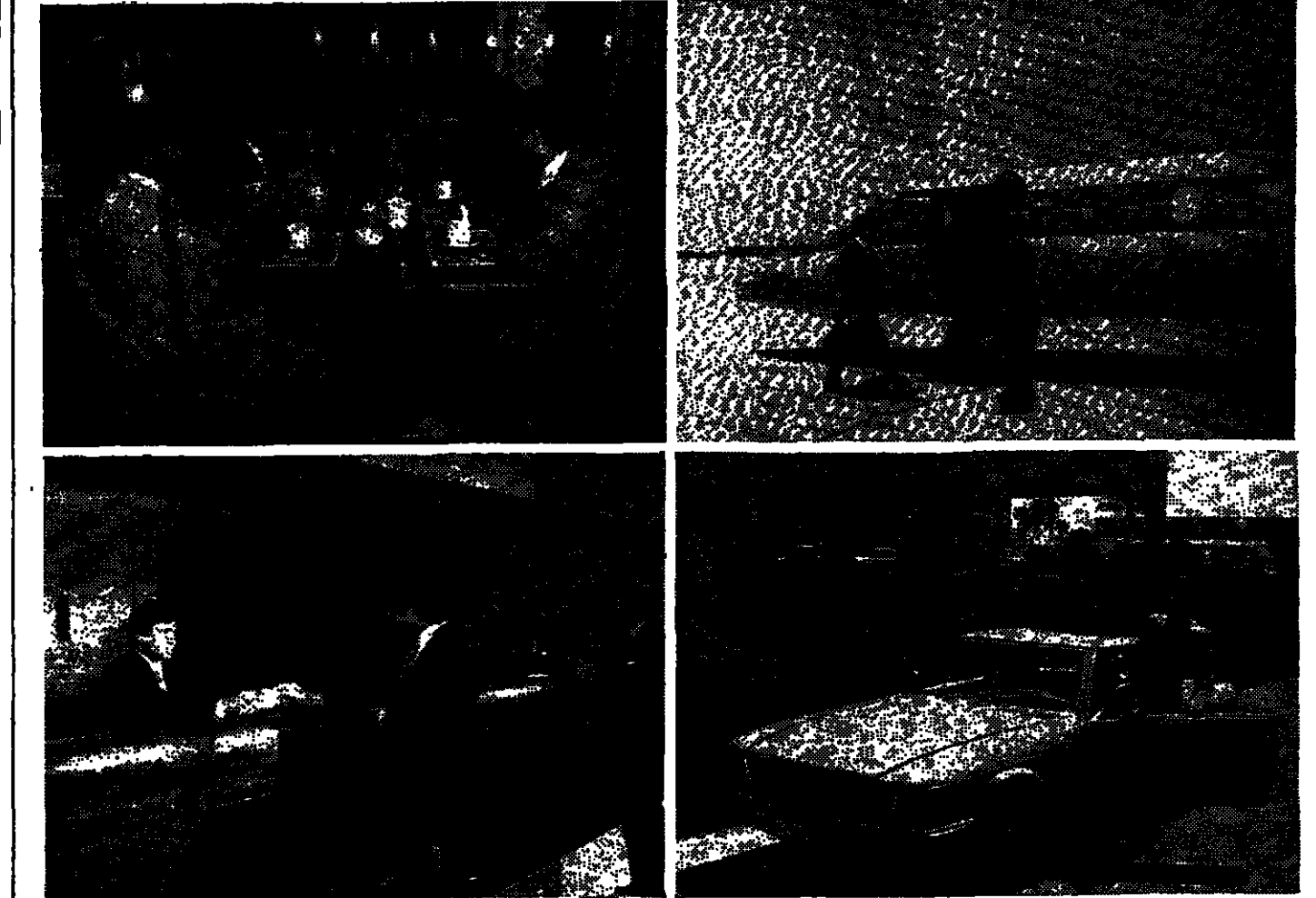
LONDON, June 11 (R) — England left-hander David Gower left his failures in the one-day matches against Australia behind him when he batted for Leicestershire Wednesday and scored his fourth century in his last eight first-class innings.

He made 115 in 213 minutes off the Kent attack, blossoming out after he had passed 50 with a dazzling array of strokes, including two mighty sixes. He also notched 11 fours. But Gower had luck with him — he was dropped on four in the gully and again two short of his hundred at mid-wicket.

Worcestershire's Pakistani batsman Younis Ahmed shone against his former Surrey colleagues, cracking 116 and putting on 153 for the third wicket with Mark Scott, who made 46. Younis feasted his 50 with seven fours off 61 balls and went to his century in 135 minutes. It included 18 fours.

But his fellow Pakistani Indukhab Alam claimed five wickets for 66 runs for Surrey, and Worcestershire were all out for 273.

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Lindh stretches world champion

HONG KONG, June 11 (R) — World champion Guo Yuehua of China had to struggle to beat Erik Lindh of Sweden 21-13, 13-21, 21-19 in the first round of the World Masters Table Tennis Championship Wednesday.

On a night of upsets for the strong Chinese team, Guo was their only winner after compatriots Lu Yaohua and Huang Liang slumped to unexpected defeats. Top seed Guo, who won his crown at the World Championships in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, last April, had to use all his resources to overcome Lindh.

The Swedish junior champion caused a sensation in Novi Sad when he beat top Chinese and Japanese opponents to reach the last 16 after qualifying.

Second-seeded Lu lost 18-21, 21-19, 21-19 to unseeded Zoran Kusanovic of Yugoslavia, while fifth seed Huang was toppled by unseeded Andrzej Grubbs of Poland 21-11, 21-14.

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BANI-SADR UNDER FIRE

The deadlock in Iran between the presidency and the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) appears to be on the point of solution: the presidency's position is crumbling fast as Ayatollah Khomeini, the country's unrivaled spiritual and political leader, begins to tilt against it in earnest.

The Ayatollah, using his constitutional position as ultimate arbiter on the division of power, issued a proclamation stripping President Bani-Sadr of his post as commander in chief of Iran's armed forces. The decision was immediately endorsed by the commanders of the three armed services.

Bani-Sadr's attempt to organize his considerable popular following was also seen as crumbling, with offices opened by his supporters in Tehran and other centers attacked and in many cases occupied by supporters of the IRP — certain now of victory as Khomeini appears to take their side.

One of the last battles Bani-Sadr had to fight was that over the extension of the prime minister's power to include appointment to the important post of governor of the Central Bank. The president's own appointee, Ali Reza Nobari, had to resign, with the post going to a supporter of the IRP-dominated cabinet.

Iran's Supreme Judicial Council, chaired by Beheshti, the IRP leader, is also pressing on the attack on Bani-Sadr. Beheshti said that the council is considering putting the president on trial for alleged infringements of the constitution.

Bani-Sadr himself was reported ready to resign, but this has been refused by Khomeini. The reason for this, it is said, is the fear that his still considerable popular following might offer serious resistance to what they would see as a complete IRP takeover.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The weekend newspapers mostly led by the official talks which began in London Wednesday between King Khaled and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. They said that their discussions covered the Israeli aggression on the Iraqi nuclear reactor, the issue of Palestine, Afghanistan and the Gulf. Newspapers also highlighted a meeting between Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan and his British counterpart John Nott, after which Prince Sultan was reported as saying that an accord had been reached to renew and improve the technical cooperation agreement between the two countries.

Newspapers said in a front-page story that the Arab foreign ministers are arriving in Baghdad to discuss the Zionist attack on Iraq. They also front-paged an audience by the King's Deputy, Crown Prince Fahd, to Qais Al-Zawawi, Omani minister of state for foreign affairs, who handed the crown prince a message from Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

In a page one story, *Al-Nadwa* highlighted Israeli Prime Minister Begin's avowal to destroy it again if Iraq re-builds its nuclear reactor. Prince Fahd's approval to set up a tourist area in Sodah at a cost of SR1.3 billion figured prominently in *Al Medina*. Meanwhile, *Al Jazirah* quoted Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Union of Islamic Banks, as saying in a press conference in Geneva that the shares of Dar-ul-Mal Al-Islami (Islamic Fund House) will be offered to 49 countries, and the value of each share will range from \$100 to \$1 million.

In an editorial on King Khaled's current visit to Britain, *Al-Bilad* observed that the warmth of welcome accorded the monarch reflects the extent of the British leadership's understanding of the prevailing situation. The royal visit to Britain and the upcoming visits to France and Spain have led political observers in Europe to say that the royal tour is a prelude to a new stage in the development of Arab and Islamic power and its impact on international strategies.

In an editorial on the Arab foreign ministers' extraordinary conference in Baghdad, *Al Medina* urged the conferees to adopt practical, decisive and resolute steps to restore confidence in the nation. The paper highlighted the Kingdom's support for Iraq and demanded the international community, mainly the U.S., to take urgent steps to halt the Israeli assaults. Once again, the paper urged the Arabs to cast off their rifts and to work unitedly in the face of Israeli provocations. After isolating Egypt and creating destruction in Lebanon, Israel is now intent on depriving Iraq of technical advancement so that it can further humiliate the Arabs, the paper cautioned.

On the same subject, *Al Riyadh* exhorted the Arabs to take firm measures without caring for the consequences. It asked them to start on such a course from their present conference in Baghdad, so that the world realizes the reality before calling the Arabs backward and supporting Israel's barbarism. The Arab stances have always been known for their moderate attitude, the paper said, and added

that such an attitude will not do any good today because the Arabs are being made a victim to an international game against them. The situation is quite different now and it demands the Arab world to take firm steps to safeguard the higher interests of the nation without caring for any other considerations, the paper said.

Al Jazirah pinned great hopes on the foreign ministers conference in Baghdad, expressing optimism that the collective Arab reaction to the Israeli attack on Iraq will match the challenge of the enemy. As regards the world community, the paper said, it will be faced with a delicate test as to whether it should continue to support an aggressive state and expose world peace and security to grave risks or do something to stop the enemy's stubborn and intransigent attitude.

Dealing with the Israeli avowal to destroy any other nuclear Iraq builds in the future, *Al Nadwa* exhorted the Arabs to make a firm resolve to continue to strive for advanced technology by every possible means, for the nation cannot afford to remain backward in the field of technology. The paper further stressed the significance of such a resolve in view of Israel's admission of being in possession of atomic bombs. It did not show any approval of further resolutions and recommendations, but called upon the Baghdad conference to take determined measures to reflect the conscience of the whole nation which has been scarred by the enemy's onslaughts and challenges.



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Soviet intervention in Poland may doom detente

By Marc Rosenwasser

MOSCOW — Could the United States forestall possible Soviet military intervention in Poland by accepting Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's calls for major new arms talks and a summit meeting with President Ronald Reagan? Most Western experts in Moscow believe any Soviet decision to move into Poland would be so "cosmic," as one of them put it, that nothing the United States or other nations do would prove decisive.

"You're talking about one of the most important foreign policy decisions since World War II," a Western diplomat said in describing what is at stake in the Soviet decision concerning Poland. But Brezhnev's repeated calls for major new U.S.-Soviet arms talks, even as the official Soviet press puts more and more pressure on Poland to roll back its reforms, suggest that the 74-year-old Kremlin leader still hopes for better relations with the United States.

That would seem an impossibility with any military action in Poland. Top Reagan administration officials have already made it clear, through repeated public warnings, that Soviet military intervention in Poland could damage relations between the superpowers to the point that detente might be finished and a return to the cold war era might be inevitable.

Washington has been less outspoken, however, about any improvements that might result in U.S.-Soviet relations should the Soviets show restraint and stay out of Poland.

One Soviet official, who asked not to be identified, said recently that with an improvement in U.S.-Soviet ties the Kremlin would do its "best,

everything practically, not to move into Poland and jeopardize relations."

"If there were some improvement in relations with the United States, then we would, without any doubt, follow a more liberal policy toward Poland and take a more liberal policy toward the dissidents too," he said.

But he said, too, that "there are some hawks here like in the United States. They say, 'Down with detente. Down with America. Let's not take into account U.S. interests. Let's pursue our own aims. Let's arrest all the dissidents. Let's go into Poland.'"

Such talk raises the possibility that the Soviet leadership is divided on the need to intervene militarily in Poland. It also may help explain why the Soviets have yet to dispatch troops there despite

exhausting the same rhetoric they used prior to their intervention in Czechoslovakia in 1968.

Though Brezhnev is commonly perceived in the West as first among Soviet leaders, Western diplomats here believe the 14 members of the Soviet Union's ruling politburo act only by consensus. Such an arrangement could cast Brezhnev in the role of defending the policy of detente, which he has made the cornerstone of his 16-year rule, against other Kremlin officials who might be pressing for more decisive action in Poland.

Just Tuesday, at dinner honoring visiting Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, Brezhnev voiced disappointment at what he said was the Reagan administration's failure to engage the Soviet Union in arms control talks. "They in Washington declare that the USA will very soon start, or even has

Attack on Iraq deepens Israel's isolation

By Marcus Eliason

TEL AVIV — The Israeli attack on Iraq's atomic reactor has set back Baghdad nuclear ambitions by at least three years, but also has deepened Israel's political isolation, split its political establishment and given Israelis no assurance that the notion of the Islamic bomb is gone for good.

Israeli analysts are certain that despite Israel's raid, the Arabs will continue to develop their nuclear potential, and Israel will continue to lose sleep worrying about Arab atomic bombs. "This is a blow to Iraq but not the end of the plan to build an Arab nuclear bomb," writes Ze'ev Schiff, military commentator of the daily *Haaretz*.

Yehoshafat Harkavi, a former military intelligence chief and student of the Arab world, agrees. "The big question," says Harkavi, "is what will be gained from this delay. Let's say it is three, four or five years. What will happen meanwhile in the Middle East?"

Harkavi fears the attack may provoke the Iraqis into recouping their loss with redoubled vigor. He notes that even Iraq's critics in the Arab world have rushed to rally around it. "It is hard for the Arab world to accept that Israel supposedly has veto rights over Arab nuclear development," observes Harkavi.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin, who ordered the attack, said it would take longer for Iraq to rebuild the bombed reactor than he would be on the political scene. But the 67-year-old premier vowed that if the reactor was restored, Israel would again use "all the means at its disposal" to prevent Arab nuclear armament.

Can it do so? Israeli analysts wonder what their government will do, if, for instance, Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi produced a bomb. Tripoli is twice as far from Tel Aviv as Baghdad. And what of Pakistan, which is pro-Arab and is believed close to becoming a nuclear power? "It is absurd to think we will be able to destroy all the nuclear reactors in the area," says professor Yonatan Shapira, a political sociologist at Tel Aviv University. "I think we have started something very dangerous."

And Mordechai Gur, a former army chief of staff, says that while he favors blocking Arab A-bomb potential, he faults Begin for "frightening the people with the specter of a holocaust." Gur claims Begin's publicized apocalyptic vision of 600,000 Israelis dead in an Iraqi nuclear strike is sowing "disquiet and insecurity," and may even encourage Israelis to emigrate and Jews abroad to stay away.

Gur is running for parliament with the Labor Party, which has accused Begin of timing the raid to impress voters three weeks before a national election in which he is seeking another term as premier.

Israel now finds its political establishment deeply divided over what would have seemed to be the supreme life-or-death issue: nuclear bombs. The debate also has flushed into the open an issue that Israeli strategists have always preferred to keep under wraps: Israel's own nuclear potential.

Nobody here will confirm or deny that Israel has atomic bombs, and government spokesmen have always contended themselves with the pledge that "Israel will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East." — (AP)

Spain's 'Basque obsession'

By Charles Saint Andre

MADRID — The first 100 days of Spanish Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, the third head of government since the death of Franco, seem to have been dominated by the "Basque obsession." This "obsession" has guided Spain's home as well as foreign policy.

The government, since it was formed in February has given absolute priority to its fight against "terrorism," mainly carried out by the Basque ETA separatist movement. It has drawn up a formidable arsenal of counter-measures, including a law for the defense of the constitution, and another law defining a state of alert, state of emergency and state of

indefinite period.

There are many Spaniards who fear that the new laws might turn out to be almost unusable in the fight against Basque terrorists, while presenting an undoubted danger to Spain's newly-won democracy.

Premier Calvo Sotelo last March 23 took the decision, unprecedented since the end of the civil war, of calling on the army to intervene in the Basque country, especially to guard the Franco-Spanish border. Two months later the defense ministry announced that the army would progressively withdraw from the region.

The military wing of ETA, by escalating its attacks, especially against officers, has placed the army in a terrible dilemma.

Either it has to admit that it has failed to seal off completely the Franco-Spanish border and prevent ETA militants — living clandestinely in a sanctuary in France's Basque country — entering the country, or admit that these militants live in the Spanish Basque region and are not seeking refuge abroad.

The ETA military wing carried out savage attacks between March 19 and May 7 in which eight officers were killed. It was the worst offensive against the army since the civil war. The attack that really shook the entire nation was carried out on May 7 against Gen. Joaquin de Valenzuela, the king's senior military aide, when a bomb was thrown at his car in a Madrid street. The general was badly wounded and the driver, a corporal and a lieutenant colonel were killed.

The premier was unable to make any official visits abroad until April 22 for he had to concentrate on increasing security measures and attend funeral ceremonies in the Basque country.

In Bonn the Spanish premier stressed his country's desire to be a member of the European Common Market and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as soon as possible. These aims are considered as Spain's main foreign policy goals, but they are strongly contested at home.

The Spanish Employers Confederation has warned against hasty entry into the Common Market while Socialists and Communists are opposed to Spain's entry into NATO. Observers here have pointed out that Spain's entry into NATO would be costly, for it would mean modernizing the army, navy and air force. But observers realize that the government might be glad to see senior officers studying modernization plans instead of plotting coups d'etat. — (AFP)



Colleague: "Israel needs a bang like this."
Another: "Okay, but take care of the glass."
Al Jazirah

The life to come

By Adil Salahi

Many people find it difficult to believe that we shall come back to life after we die. The concept of resurrection, however, is central in most world religions. As Muslims, we believe that a second life is part of Allah's scheme of creation. He would not allow a world like ours, with so much injustice and suffering to be final. Ultimate justice, in the Islamic philosophy, rests with Allah. To Him we all return and from Him each one of us receives his or her reward.

To a Muslim, then, life after death is a reality. What sort of life, one may ask, shall we resume where we have stopped and then destiny would take us along the road we deserve on the basis of our action in this life? Will it be a new stage in our toil? Islam's answer to these questions and all similar ones is: "No." Our toil ends with the end of this life.

purpose. When the reward would be another dose of the same type of toil, this life acquires a false sense of finality.

Let us take as an example a man who goes through this life in poverty and endures very difficult circumstances yet he sticks to his belief in Allah and tries hard to win His pleasure. Such a person deserves a good reward. But would his reward be a good one if he is returned to this life and given wealth and power? A little reflection shows that he would have more worries protecting and safeguarding his new privileges. He would, moreover, be subjected to new temptations pulling him away from the right path which is acceptable to Allah. In short, he would simply go through another test.

In our own world we do not reward those who redeem themselves with distinction in a particular test by subjecting them to another test. We give them a pass and allow them certain privileges.

Our life in this world is a test. We toil through it for a definite purpose, namely, to build a happy human life on the basis of Divine guidance conveyed to us through the Prophet. If we lose sight of our aim and ignore Allah's guidance we fail in our test. This test, however, is a great one and the

in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

The Day when We shall roll up the heavens like a scroll of parchment. As We initiated the first creation, We shall create it anew. This is a promise (we make binding) on Us. We shall assuredly fulfill it.

We have surely written in the Psalms after the Reminder: the righteous among My servants shall inherit the earth.

This is an admonition for those who serve Us. We have sent you forth as a blessing to mankind. Say: 'It is revealed to me that your God is one God. Will you then submit yourselves to Him?'

(The Prophet 21:104-8)

outcome is so important. It is whether man can ensure his own happiness in this life by following Allah's instructions, thus making his toil fruitful.

Hence, the life to come must be the one

where a reward commensurate with the greatness of the test is given. Indeed, it is a life where those who have sought Allah's pleasure will live in bliss while those who earned His anger will suffer endlessly.

Life of the Prophet- 10 Uphill struggle

When the three-year period of secret propagation of Islam was over, the Prophet was commanded by Allah to announce his call in public. As he was to show throughout his Prophethood, Muhammad (peace be on him) was never to hesitate in carrying out, in letter and spirit, any commandment he received from Allah. He, therefore stood over Al-Safa, a small hill in the center of Makkah, close to the holy shrine, the Ka'aba (which is the black structure in the center of the Grand Mosque). He called by name all the Arab clans of Makkah, asking them to come over to him.

In no time the word spread all over Makkah that Muhammad had something important to announce. People were rushing to him from all quarters of the city. When they gathered round the hill, Muhammad put to them this question: "If I were to tell you that armed horsemen are beyond this valley, heading toward Makkah to attack you, would you believe me?"

"You are trustworthy and we have never known you to tell a lie," they answered.

"Well, then," he said, "I am sent to you to warn you against enormous suffering."

They, however, did not hesitate to shift their grounds. Some of them dismissed his

warning as nonsense. Others were quick with their insults. His own uncle, Abu Lahab, gave him one of the harshest replies: "Confound you! Is this what you called us here for?" he said.

No single voice was raised with approval, as they began to disperse.

One can imagine how distressing the incident was to the Prophet. As the people left he stood alone on the hill, realizing that he now faced the whole world, with no human support apart from the two or three dozens of people who responded favorably to the new call. He realized that the path ahead was an uphill struggle which may involve a conflict with his nearest relatives. Taken in the context of the tribal Arabian society of the time this must have been very hard for Muhammad. He realized, however, that an advocate of a great message must not look for friendship or social ties if he is to put his message, as he must, above all considerations and above all human values.

The incident merits further discussion which our space does not allow; so we must, by necessity, leave it till next week.

(To be continued next Friday)

Various aspects of Islamic art shown in 19th Century carpets

Gulf Bureau:

DUBAI — Precious hand woven rare pure silk carpets of 18th and 19th centuries depicting various aspects of Islamic art works were displayed this week at the prestigious Marbella Club, Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates. Each of the colorfully displayed 200 pieces was a unique masterpiece of its own portraying an entirely different theme and demonstrating enviable skill of the traditional weavers in different parts of Iran.

The entire collection is owned by a Sharjah based Gulf which spent more than 20 years in collecting these carpets. They came from all corners of the world, mainly from the Middle Eastern and European countries and United States.

Eve Mikaeloff, a Paris born representative of the Sharjah based Gulf country who spent several years in search of these historic treasures said, "it took twenty years to collect these pieces from rich families who preserved these from generation to generation as collector's pieces."

One common feature, he pointed out, "it is that each piece depicts Islamic art works in one form or another. The largest one measuring 5x8 meters is valued at SR31.5 million



PURE SILK: Precious heirloom oriental carpets were recently displayed at the Marbella Club.

has six different types of prayer mats. Each mat has an entirely new design, on the sides while in the center is a medallion with a novel theme dedicated to love and affection. Reflecting the highly advanced traditional Islamic art work this pure silk carpet dates back to the year 1820.

Another attraction was a collection of five pieces woven in 1880. The carpets changing colors when seen from different directions. Similarly, another carpet made in 1860 with pure silk intricately woven with golden threads flows through the hands like soft sands. A collection of sennah carpets delicately woven with pure wool in 1880 shows only the knots in it. The design repeats a geometrical theme which moves as it is viewed.

Some of the smaller carpets were woven as thin as a sheet of paper presenting a scene of two separate trees in a garden surrounded with all kinds of animals, birds, snakes, dragons and many other creatures.

Other novel carpet designs depict imaginary works of poets of fame in Iran and one priced at SR18 million was woven in an incredibly transparent green cotton which make it look like it is floating in the air. Each carpet has an exclusive theme and design of its own blending Islamic art works.

"These carpets," said Mikaeloff, "were especially made for wealthy families by skilled traditional weavers expressing the quality of life and the deepness of their faith in Islam. While the Christian world concentrated on building cathedrals of amazing masterpiece art works the Islamic world portrays its artis-



PRECIOUS CARPET: President of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sheikh Abdul Aziz (Ibn Muhammad) Al Qassemi looks at one of the older carpets made in 1820.

tic creation in carpets and traditional mosques and other buildings. The uniqueness of these carpets has been such that nowhere in the world has the skill of these weavers been

challenged. In fact, these carpets are testimonies to the never ending skill of this unique civilization where generations were linked together by these works.

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Life in the desert, hunting shown as a cultural heritage in new book

Leony in Arabia by Mark Allen, Orbis Publishing, London, 143 pages, 1980, £15.

By Jean Grant

As a purely physical object, Mark Allen's new book *Falconry in Arabia* is a thing of beauty. Its photographs by Thesiger, illustrations by Mary Clare Critchley-Salmonson, and heavy pages filled with Allen's well-med sentences are superb.

The author, who first took up hawking as a 2-year-old boy, begins his book with a chapter on Arabs and the Arabian Peninsula. Readers less interested in hawks than in the desert Arabs may well find it the most descriptive and riveting chapter. Allen describes hawkings as the Bedouin's link between the desert and the settled life saying:

"To be a Bedouin then is as much a state of mind as of motion...In going hawking the Arab returns to the desert, to the forge which made him what he is."

Because the desert environment changed little and the problems of day-to-day existence were solved centuries ago, "there was to great urge for invention or progress. So the Bedouin have evolved as survivors and not innovators and those not content with this have left the desert."

Despite the many days Allen spent hawking with the Arabs, he admits he does not know them well:

"Privacy as we understand it is a thing unknown, but discretion is at a high premium and it is disconcerting after a long period with a family or tribe to realize how little one knows of their thoughts and concerns."

Such honesty adds weight to the comments he does make. Since the book is addressed primarily to Europeans and Americans, Allen points out the crucial difference between the European and Arab view of hawking. Unlike the European, who wants to see his hawk fly and thus sets them taxing flights, the Arab flies hawks to hunt food. A good hawk for the Arab, then, is not the one with the most elegant plumage or the one which can fly farthest and fastest, but one who is brave "and does not shirk her task." In following the hawk, the falconer enjoys "the excitement of battle and raiding but without the element of fear."

The favorite Arabian falcon is the *saker* which weighs from 510 grams to 1 kilo. With superior eyesight and a long-toed span, it is colored pale buff to chocolate-brown. The desert Arabs consider it more intelligent than the *peregrine* or *gyr falcon*. Although it is a relaxed bird, the moment she is released, she rockets from the falconer's wrist to pursue her quarry.

The Arabian Peninsula lies on two great



TAMED FALCON: The prized birds are caught during their migration across the Arabian Peninsula and are very valuable after they are tamed.

migration routes on which, from September to mid-November, millions of birds travel south. The birds of prey follow in hot pursuit, "pushing on the able-bodied and killing the stragglers." The desert tribesmen use decoys and nets to catch the saker as it flies from its breeding land in Eastern Europe.

The trapping season is a happy one which gives the falconer "a chance to see the wild bird, fit and untainted by human contact, show its natural excellence." Throughout the weeks of training, the falcon is never separated from her master who shouts at her by name and strokes her.

Eventually the hawk is sufficiently tamed to accept a meal on the falconer's fist. This, says Allen, "is to persuade the bird to accept him as a spectator at her hunting." During training, the hawk becomes used to the short thongs on its feet (the *jesses* or *slugs*), the hood (*surqa*) on its head, and she learns to tolerate sitting both on the glove and on the block (*wakr*) where the hawk spends most of her time.

The falcon's quarry is the bustard (*houbara*), the desert hare and the stone curlew (*kairawan*). Of these the houbara is the most common. Once the falcon has landed its prey, she dislocates its neck with her powerful small-toothed beak. The Falconer rushes to scoop up the falcon's jesses in his hand. He helps the falcon begin her feast, at the same time covering the greater part of the dead bustard, which the falconer retrieves later.

Allen's book includes comments on disease, moulting, the repair of wing feathers, a glossary, and a bibliography citing works in Arabic, English, French and German.

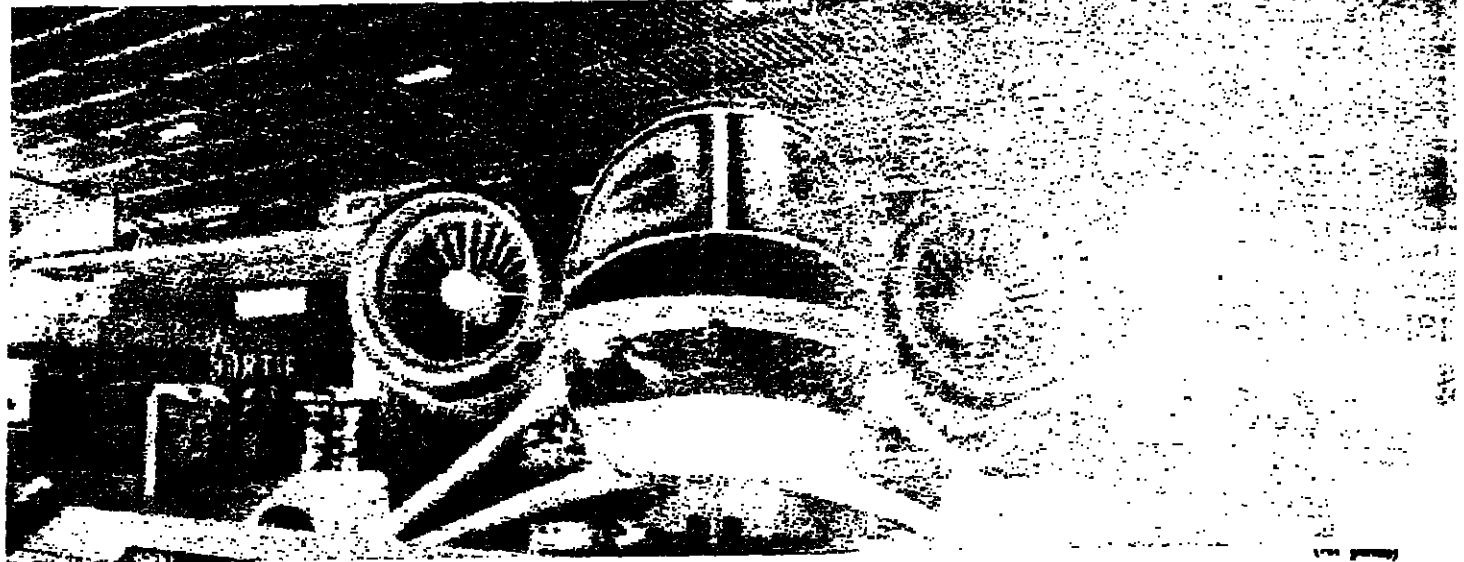
Despite an appendix which discusses falconry in the medieval Islamic world, Allen's narrative is centered in today's world. He believes that Arabs will continue to fly hawks but "without the careless ferocity and zest of the past." He predicts that the Arab "will in time go into the desert to see his hawk fly and not to quench a desire for meat." Or he may go "to remind himself that he is an Arab by seeking involvement in his own traditions." This shift in motives may already have occurred.

Hawking used to be the pastime of tribesmen and princes. Both enjoyed the companionship of the desert journey and camp firelight. Today, however, the tribal falconer must be strongly tempted to sell the hawk he has trapped himself because it is so valuable. In the past, at season's end, the falconer would release his hawk to the open skies since there would be no meat for her in the scorching desert. Today, by contrast, falcons are packed aboard airplanes and flown to hunting grounds in cooler climes, or kept over the summer in air-conditioned living rooms and fed quail from the supermarket.

Although hawking style and techniques remain the same, the old economic balance has gone; the food value of the quarry no longer outweighs the initial costs to secure it: a hawk costs far more than the meat she captures during the brief November-to-March hunting season.

Quarry, too, is more scarce. No longer do ostrich and herds of gazelle wander the desert as they did 40 years ago. The hawk itself may be an endangered species, but a hawk is of little use to the falconer without quarry, and the 3 traditional quarry — *houbara*, *stone curlew*, and *desert hare* — are themselves on the verge of extinction. The outlook is not promising because houbara have never been bred in captivity.

Far from giving pat answers, however, Allen leaves the issue of conservation unresolved as he sounds his warning call, "If hawking disappears, the Arabs will not be able to repair or replace it with anything which they can call their own."



MULTIPURPOSE AIRCRAFT: At the Paris Air Show, this one-sixth scale mock-up shows the Grumman forward swept-wing aircraft. The plane can be flown as a full wingborne aircraft or as a helicopter with the engines tilted upward.

Paris Air Show popular since 1909 Fighters to ball bearings displayed

By Gregory Macarthur

PARIS (AP) — Every two years, the Paris Air Show gives some of the world's major weapons manufacturers a chance to display their wares, make new contacts, renew old ones and show off their multi-million-dollar hardware. The sell is generally soft, and contracts are almost never signed here.

"My interpretation of the air show is that it's as much public relations as anything else," said George Eaton, international marketing manager for McDonnell Aircraft Co., the western world's largest maker of warplanes. "You don't sell fighter airplanes at a show, it takes four to eight years to sell a fighter aircraft because it's a high cost item with a 20-year lifespan."

The costs of transporting and displaying the hardware in Paris are high, as is the price tag for lodging the technical personnel, test pilots and company officials during the 10-day air show.

The stakes in the international arms marketing game, however, are high, and no major manufacturer can afford to stay away. Le Bourget Airfield, site of the most prestigious international air show in the world that started in 1909.

Several of the world's largest defense contractors were at the Paris show to display their latest jet fighters while dozens of firms displayed support equipment and related weaponry. These included surface-to-air missiles to knock out enemy aircraft, cruise missiles to knock enemy ground defenses, camouflage, radar units, gunsites, shells, shell casings, gears and ball bearings.

The air show is also an opportunity to check out the competition and make initial contacts with potential buyers. U.S. companies are restricted to govern-

ment approved sales. In most cases, they cannot sell to any country without direct federal approval based on the technology offered and the political and strategic position of the buyer. "Most of it is really government-to-government," Eaton explained.

But European and American manufacturers compete head-to-head in a number of Western countries such as Spain, Japan, Greece, and Belgium. The competition was made more difficult during the administration of former President Jimmy Carter.

Carter ordered all U.S. embassies to halt the practice of giving assistance to U.S. firms selling weapons abroad. To the larger manufacturers, whose major customer is the U.S. Defense Department, support from American diplomats abroad was not important. To smaller companies the directive created one more disadvantage in trying to state-owned or state-supported European manufacturers. The Reagan administration has rescinded the order and there "are indications" the U.S. government may soon soften its restrictions.



CARGO LOADING: Airplane manufacturers find transportation and display costs high at the Paris Air Show. Here a sun-powered aircraft, called the Solar Challenger is loaded onto a Flying Tigers cargo carrier.

Gowns, furs highlights of fall fashion look

NEW YORK, — Reagan-red ball gowns and Nancy-fancy furs are the new darlings of this city's fall-fashion previews.

Bill Blass, who contends that a long jersey dinner dress "just doesn't work anymore," borders a velvet evening jacket in sable, then embroiders it with what he calls "the Crown Jewels of England."

Oscar De La Renta out-Hapsburgs himself with lavishly embroidered, gold-encrusted Arabesque epaulettes and borders for his black-velvet evening suits.

Calvin Klein shows that a lot has come between him and his Calvins — a lot of gold lame, a lot of gold lace, a lot of silk velvet, a lot of suede and a lot of leather.

Geoffrey Beene, merges, a gold-lame T-shirt with a lace tunic edged in mohair, calls the look "American exotic."

Donna Karan and Louis Dell believe in grand-entrance clothes in the grand manner of iridescent satin blouses, jewel-toned furs with Arabesque bas-relief designs, metallic hip banages, even gold-washed leather shoes.

Halston salutes the good life in organza ruffles, lush velvet evening pajamas, sequined sweaters and mink-lined blouses.

Pauline Trigere features a black tuxedo with a gold-lame blouse.

Norma Kamali sees the future as a Gypsy fortuneteller who made her own fortune in gold — yards and yards of embroidered gold lace.

Betsy Johnson brings back Marie Antoinette and her let-'em-eat-cake goodies, along with such Elizabethan inventions as the night-shirt and the ruff.

Perry Ellis salutes the man who robbed the rich to give to the poor, then sends his poor little maid Marjans into Sherwood Forest wearing lush steamer coats of beaver and fox.

And Ralph Lauren, whose all-American collection celebrates such heroines as Pocahontas, Jean Harlow and Katharine Hepburn, gives the most luxurious tribute to the American Indian ever to walk down a runway. It's a Navajo jacket for the 90 percent bracket — all-over beaded in black and white.

To be stylish, the hemlines will have to be lowered to a bit, quite a bit if to follow Calvin Klein, Perry Ellis, Ralph Lauren and Geoffrey Beene.

Another important aspect of the fall look is its Elizabethan overtone. Judging from the numbers of Renaissance ball gowns, Henry VIII sleeves, Sir Francis Drake pantaloons, Anne Boleyn petticoats and Elizabeth ruffs fashions are headed exactly where author Tom Wolfe predicts. Wolfe, who called the '70s the me decade, says we've now entered the decade of the Elizabethan romp.

The one designer whose collection epitomizes that spirit is Betsy Johnson. The young woman who had a lot to do with the Youthquake of the '60s and the Punk and Junk of the '70s is now re-creating the romanticism of 16th-century England. Her witty spoofs on Henry VIII's nightshirts, Elizabeth's ruffs and the court jester's pantaloons are in the mood of the clothes worn by London's new romantics, but far more creative. Interspersed with the milkmaid dresses and corsette-over-pantaloons get-ups are some of the most wearable vel-

ours and knits of the season.

The New York designer and most influences today's young French and Italian designers, Perry Ellis, also covets through Elizabethan England. His hunt clothes in such fabrics as thrush-burton tweeds, henlock plaids, burwood paisleys and cliffs of moher plaids set new standards for elegant sportswear.

A typical Ellis layered-look for fall consists of a full-skirted tweed coat with ruffled armholes over a full plaid skirt over printed Cossack pants — all very big, important and rich.

Other signs of wealth and affluence for fall include vast number of metallic, clothes, with gold and copper leading silver by 2 to 1. Velvet, too, is in for a renaissance, along with lace, satin, tulle and taffeta, for day, it's plaid, suede and leather, often accompanied with low-heeled boots. The cape and the shawl swish and swashbuckle all over town, and the waistline is definitely back.

Calvin Klein makes a special point of the waistline by pulling it in with big leather belts. His fleecy-blanket separates are often cut exactly like his now-famous silk crepe de chine tops and skirts of the past, but by cinching them to the body with the new leather belts and extending the skirts to the calf, he makes them look totally new.

A special word of praise should go to Ralph Lauren, who ignored the temptation to bring the riches of Russia or the Middle East or Venice or Elizabethan England or 16th-century France in favor of a strictly American collection that even includes a series of diacut Harlow-in-Hollywood dresses set to the background music of Fred Astaire.

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A SEA GIANT EMERGING:

After four years of its establishment, the United Arab Shipping Co. (UASC) became one of the leading companies in the sea trade. Netting 1.3 million dwt of ships in services, UASC is planning new routes as Javid Hassan reports.

SAUDIZATION:

Late last month a group of 31 management and technical personnel graduated from U.S. colleges to join Saudi's staff. The group will help speed up the Saudization plan, reports Tod Robberson.

With the millions of crude oil barrels pumped out every day the Kingdom is getting associated gas too. Scott Fendleton takes a look on page 22 at the plans and use of gas in the domestic scene and economic and technical issues related to it.

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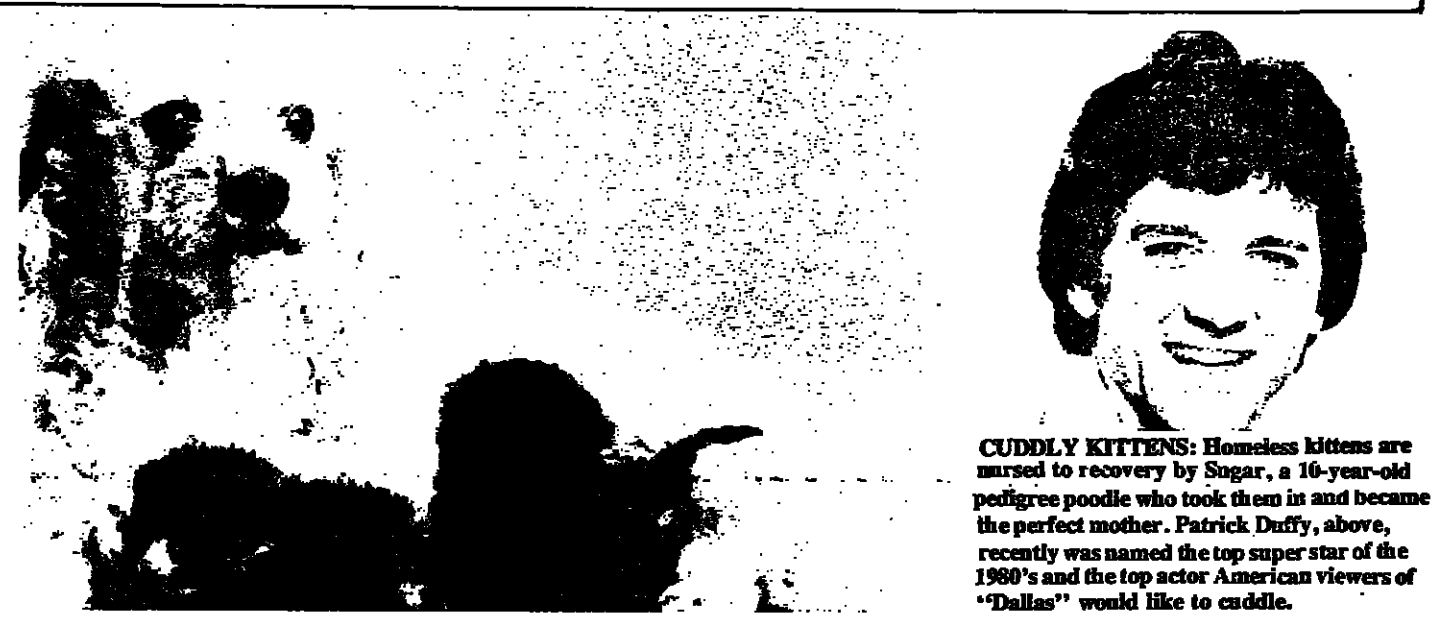
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DERBY DAY HERO: The Aga Khan, owner of the race horse Shergar was refused entry to the Epsom Track in Britain this week when he became separated from other race participants who had viewed their horses before the race at the paddock. Above left, British Bobby Colless a gate crasher saying, "I don't care if you are the Aga Khan." Center, the Aga Khan tries in vain to explain as race time nears. Right, after proper identification was made, the Aga Khan rushed to the race. The Aga Khan was consoled by the fact that Shergar won the race. (Danny McGregory, LES)



HORSING AROUND: Kentucky Derby winner Pleasant Colony grabs a pitch fork away from his groom during a light moment as the horse is prepared for the Preakness Stakes. He came in No. 13 in a field of 14. (AP)



CUDDLY KITTENS: Homeless kittens are nursed to recovery by Sugar, a 16-year-old pedigree poodle who took them in and became the perfect mother. Patrick Duffy, above, recently was named the top super star of the 1980's and the top actor American viewers of "Dallas" would like to cuddle.



LAST MEAL: Chia-Chia, the London panda brought to Washington as a companion for the National Zoo's Ling-Ling takes a last bite of bamboo before being shipped back to London Zoo. Chia-Chia was a big attraction for zoo visitors but Ling-Ling was not at all attracted to him.



A RARE BIRD: The first Siberian crane chick bred in captivity looks at itself in the mirror one day after it hatched at the international Crane Foundation in Harbree, Wisconsin. (AP)

It's raining diamonds in Australia

World output may double

BARRAMUNDI GAP, Australia, June 11 (AP) — At this ancient volcanic crater in northwestern Australia, miners are working a lode of diamond-bearing ore in which gems are as numerous as currants in a Christmas pudding. The find is said to be so rich that it will double world diamond output and shake the diamond market.

Visitors to the pilot crushing plant in this hot, isolated frontier 2,200 kilometers (1,400 miles) north of Perth saw diamonds of all sizes and grades dripping into a huge bucket like droplets from a leaking tap.

"It's a phenomenal yield by world standards," said senior geologist Chris Smith, an Englishman who has worked in South African diamond fields and has been exploring here for diamonds since 1971. He talked with journalists during a first look behind the tight security here. "We could be adding 40 to 50 percent to the world's output of diamonds," AJV General Manager Mick O'Leary said.

O'Leary said the company would decide next year whether to proceed with a 400

million Australian dollar (U.S. \$448 million) plant to process five million tons of diamond-bearing rock a year. The plant, which would be operating in 1985 and employ 500 people, would produce 20-25 million carats of diamonds a year.

At current diamond prices the field initially would earn as much as Australian \$300 million a year (U.S. \$336 million). Tests have shown the pipe contains an average five carats per ton, compared to average grades of 0.5 carats a ton in South Africa.

South Africa, other African countries and Russia now account for 94 percent of the world's annual diamond production of 50 million carats.

While the potential volume of Australian production is huge, the value is low because most of the diamonds found so far are industrial quality. O'Leary said 10 percent of the mine's output would be gem-quality

diamonds, and would produce about two-thirds of the income. He said the mine would increase the world output of gem-quality diamonds by five to 10 percent.

O'Leary said AJV had not yet decided whether it would join in the central selling organization (CSO), which is dominated by EC Beers of South Africa and which handles 80 percent of world diamond sales.

The diamond strike is in the Kimberleys, a region savannah grassland dotted with baobab trees and cut by rivers which flow only three months a year, during the monsoon season known here as "the wet." Coincidentally, Kimberley is the name of the richest South African diamond field.

In the dry season, temperatures can reach

127 degrees F. (53 C) in the Kimberleys, a region three times as large as England but with only 20,000 people. The area is the home of semi-nomadic aborigine people, as well as salt and fresh water crocodiles, 30 species of snakes, kangaroos, wallabies and lizards six feet (1.8 meters) long.

Explorers have found signs of significant deposits of lead, zinc, bauxite, nickel, oil and gas in the region.

The main diamond ore find, or pipe, is known as AK-1 and is 200 kilometers (120 miles) by road from the small frontier town of Kununurra, an aboriginal word for stinking mud, and 32 kilometers from the hydroelectric generators at Lake Argyle, dammed in 1963.

delivery chute. The flow of diamonds — about one a second — is so fast the air gun cannot keep pace, so the concentrate is run through three times.

The diamonds, monitored by television cameras all the way, are then taken to the "sort house." Behind double locked doors and watched by television monitors, girls earning \$16,000 a year, working 10 hour shifts, sort them for size and weight. The diamonds are then flown to Perth for analysis.

So far, the joint venture says it has taken 150,000 carats worth an estimated \$1.8 million in its test samples. All are stored in a bank vault.

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Oil glut

OPEC members face price cut, Oteiba says

ABU DHABI, June 11 (WAM) — Some of OPEC's 13 member-states will have to cut down their official prices directly or indirectly to face the lowering pressure because of the present glut in the world oil markets, United Arab Emirates minister of petroleum and mineral resources said here Thursday.

"They may announce this (cutback) officially or give discounts under the table," the UAE minister told the Emirates news agency (WAM) on his arrival here earlier Thursday morning.

Oteiba was in London to attend business meetings with officials at the Abu Dhabi Marine Operating Company (ADMA-OPCO), the Abu Dhabi Oil Company-Japan Ltd. (ADOC) and the Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Company (ADGLCO).

He said despite that the majority of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC have agreed during their last meeting in Geneva last month to decrease production by about 10 percent, yet there is still a surplus of about 2.5 million barrels per day in the oil markets.

He added that some of the member-states will have also to further lower the present levels of their production to absorb the glut.

The agreement in Geneva last month excluded Iraq and Iran which are locked in a war of attrition since September 22, while Saudi Arabia, with a production of about 10.3 million barrels per day, has said it has not taken a decision yet regarding its production and oil prices which it sells at \$32 per barrel.

The ministers have asked Saudi Arabia, whose oil minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, has admitted he had engineered the

glut, to decrease its production and increase its prices by at least two dollars per barrel.

Oil industry analysts have repeatedly said that any cutback in OPEC's present level of about 23.5 million barrels per day, without the effective participation of Saudi Arabia, would be futile.

Sheikh Yamani has been pressing with his country's relatively high production and low prices, to force the North African member-states, namely, Libya, Nigeria and Algeria, to lower their prices which now stand at \$40-41 per barrel, in order to pass the report of the long-term strategy committee.

According to latest reports, the Saudi Arabian strategy seems to have worked, and several countries, including at least four OPEC states, have been forced to decrease their present prices.

Sheikh Yamani has often said that his country has not taken a decision yet on the present levels of prices and production, and some observers still believe that Saudi Arabia may announce something in this regard in the coming two months.

The IAE minister said that he was "in constant contact" with his 12 counterparts to co-ordinate stands and work out an agreement that would restore the unity of prices.

He called upon the member-states to take "decisive steps" to unify oil prices and decrease production to halt the deteriorating situation in the world oil markets.

The minister, however, insisted that the Geneva meeting has achieved the objectives it was held for, and said that the decisions were a "step forward" toward restoring unity among OPEC's member-states.

Senate okays food stamp program bill

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AFP) — The Senate has passed by a crushing majority a bill cutting the government's food stamp program by \$1.8 billion for next fiscal year, starting in September.

The Senate voted by 77 to 17 for a bill raising the means ceiling for the stamps, thereby disqualifying some 900,000 people and cutting the value of stamps handed out. Only the elderly and the handicapped will be unaffected by the move.

"Instead of limiting this program to people who really need it, we have gone to a system in which one of every 10 Americans receives food stamps," said Republican Senator James McCure, who wanted even tougher cuts.

He added: "There are millions of working Americans who are tired of paying the bills for those who could but will not."

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives where it is expected to get a similar reception. The cost of the program next year will now be around \$10 billion. Without the bill it would have leaped to over \$12 billion.

U.S. bank lowers prime to 19 1/2 %

NEW YORK, June 11 (AP) — A leading U.S. commercial bank cut its prime lending rate by 20 to 19.5 percent, a move that may mean U.S. interest rates have peaked.

Marine Midland Bank, the 13th-largest U.S. bank, undercut the 20 percent rate that prevails at most other major banks. Some analysts said they expected the prime rate to drop because commercial loan demand is weakening and banks' cost of funds has fallen in recent days.

Meanwhile in Washington, U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan predicted Wednesday that high U.S. interest rates will move lower although at a very slow pace. The Reagan administration has been under fire about the rates, which are near a record high, from both U.S. industry and its trading partners overseas.

Dollar gains lose ground

JEDDAH, June 11 — Riyal deposit rates remained firm Thursday after the dollar's slide against the other European currencies was halted on New York trading Wednesday night. The dollar also continued firm on European exchanges Thursday after dollar deposit rates stabilized once it was seen that the Federal Reserve Bank of the U.S. did not want the dollar interest rates to fall as fast as they had been over the past few days.

The "Fed" was reported to have intervened in the American money markets in New York when "Fed funds" rate reached 16 1/2 percent levels Wednesday night. At one stage, the Fed rate rose to 22 percent after the central bank move, but later stabilized at 20 percent. Dollar deposit rates, which have been easing especially in the short dates, rebounded and three-month deposit rates closed at 17 5/8-17 3/4 percent in New York.

The dollar's recovery was more marked on the European exchange markets Thursday. Sterling, which had risen to 1.9710 in New York, closed at 2.9650 and was trading at levels of 1.9630 on the European exchanges Thursday. The German mark, which also made a lot of headway against the dollar on Wednesday to levels of 2.36, lost nearly 300 points against the American currency to trade at 2.3910 Thursday. Until the German Bundesbank — the central bank — comes out more openly one way or another about the necessity of a support

package for the mark, the German currency will continue to be the target of nervous capital outflows. The French franc too lost some ground against the dollar by trading at 5.67 levels Thursday after closing at 5.64 in New York.

The markets are again beginning to get "jumpy", in the words of a Paris dealer, as the French assembly elections loom nearer. The markets are still saying that a 5.70 long-term level for the franc is possible. Other currency falls against the dollar were reported for the Swiss franc which closed at 2.0980 in New York and traded at slightly lower levels Thursday.

Locally, riyal deposit rates remained firm all day compared to Wednesday's easing. One-month JIBOR riyal rate opened at 16 1/2-17 percent, by mid-afternoon trading they had climbed to levels of 17 1/4-17 3/4 percent in the face of the dollar's strengthening. Similar firming was also reported in other medium to short-term tenors, and one week — which had fallen to 15 1/2 percent Wednesday — was dealt at in the range of 16 1/4-16 1/2 percent.

Most dealers continued to show interest in the short and overnight funds markets to cover short dollar positions. The Bahrain OBU's — offshore banking units — were also more active Thursday compared to almost total absence on Wednesday when the dollar was weaker. Spot riyal against the dollar rose by mid-day Thursday, from levels of 3.3908-98 to 3.4002-09, indicating some dem and for the dollar.

France urges common EEC job policy

LUXEMBOURG, June 11 (AP) — French Finance Minister Jacques Delors called for a European Economic Community-wide attack on unemployment and said France's new government wants to upgrade the EEC's image among Frenchmen.

Delors told a meeting of EEC finance and labor ministers that the 10-nation community should have a common employment policy, cutting across national borders and that economic problems of all types should be solved jointly.

He also said the EEC needs a common policy toward the United States, not just on foreign policy and defense issues, but on economic disputes between the two powers.

Delors made the remarks, revealed to reporters by participants in the private meeting, at the first major EEC ministerial level conference since the Socialist government of Francois Mitterrand took office last month.

The participants, who asked that they not be identified, said Delors told the ministers that France wants to give the EEC a higher public profile than it had in the past.

Both Delors, a former member of the European Parliament and French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, a former EEC commissioner, advocate a stronger role for the EEC.

The purpose of Thursday's meeting was to exchange ideas on how to fight the worst European unemployment since the great depression. Latest EEC figures say 7.5 percent of the work force is jobless and according to EEC Social Affairs Commissioner Ivor Richard it could hit 9 percent in 1982.

Soviet grain outlook seems bright

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP) — Prospects for the Soviet Union's 1981 grain crop "still appear relatively good" at this time, the U.S. Agriculture Department has said.

The department's analysis Wednesday said fair weather since mid-May enabled "the rapid sowing of spring grains and accelerated the development of winter crops" that had been delayed earlier by a cold snap.

Thus, the report said, the department's estimate of total Soviet grain production this year remains unchanged from the May forecast of 210 million metric tons.

Although that would be a harvest substantially below Moscow's 1981 goal of 126 million tons, it would be a significant improvement from the low yields of the past two years. Soviet grain production tumbled to 179.2 million metric tons in 1979 and rose to only 189.2 million in 1980. An embargo on U.S. grain sales to the Soviet Union was lifted on April 24, and in a meeting in London this week the United States cleared the way for expanded sales of wheat and corn this summer.

The embargo, imposed on Jan. 4, 1980, restricted the Soviets to 8 million metric tons of grain annually, an amount guaranteed by a long-term agreement which will expire this September. A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 36.7 bushels of wheat or 39.4 bushels of corn.

Under the London accord, the Soviets now can buy an additional 6 million tons — half wheat and half corn — for delivery through Sept. 30, if they choose. Further, officials said work will begin this summer on a new agreement to replace or extend the one now in place.

In another report, the department said

world grain prospects for the 1981-82 year are slightly less than indications last month, due primarily to smaller wheat harvest forecast in the United States and China.

Even so, the projections show world grain output in the coming year at 1.64 billion metric tons, about 5 percent more than harvested 1980-81.

London stock market

LONDON, June 11 (R) — Share prices closed lower after a quiet session and at 1500 hours the forward trading index was down 7.5 at 534.8.

UK government bonds met some profit taking after having risen for the past three sessions. Net falls ranged to about 1/2 point and fresh losses were noted among equity leaders on continued speculation about large fund raising operations in the office, dealers said. Gold shares, U.S. and Canadian issues were mixed.

U.S. lends Zaire \$18m

KINSHASA, June 11 (AP) — The Agency for International Development (AID), a branch of the U.S. government, has granted Zaire a credit of \$18.5 million for development projects in agriculture, transportation and industry, the official Zairian news agency AZAP has announced.

AZAP reported Wednesday that according to the World Bank office here, the credit will enable Zaire to buy spare parts for production equipment and pay for schooling and re-training of workers.

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	87.00	111.00	9.04
Belgian Franc (1,000)	2.82	—	2.84
Canadian Dollar	142.00	143.00	142.10
Deutsche Mark (100)	127.00	—	127.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	—	4.2	4.23
Egyptian Pound	—	—	92.75
Emirates Dirham (100)	60.00	60.90	59.90
French Franc (100)	—	63.00	58.10
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	39.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	25.00	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	8.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	28.00	30.00	28.70
Italian Lira (10,000)	14.00	15.20	15.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	10.14	10.11
Jordanian Dinar	—	12.15	12.14
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	—	79.50
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	66.00	62.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	35.75
Nepalese Rupee (100)	—	—	34.45
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	43.40
Pound Sterling	6.61	6.72	6.64
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	—	93.55
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	157.85
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	163.30
Swiss Franc (100)	161.00	163.00	161.30
Syrian Lira (1,000)	—	52.25	52.10
Turkish Lira (100,000)	—	33.50	—
U.S. Dollar	3.40	3.4090	3.4020
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	74.50	74.20

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Ministry of PTT, Saudi Telephone	Mail insertion machines project	120190	100	29-6-81
Directorate of Education in the Eastern Province	Photocopiers Furnitures of school libraries and other educational requirements	120210 12	100 100	29-6-81 14-7-81

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4.	Saudi Pride	Gulf	Rebar/Paper/Tim/Gen.	7.6.81
6.	Zelou	Alireza	Flour/Steel/Contra/General	9.6.81
7.	Hellenic Grace	Alpha	Rice/General	10.6.81
8.	Eastern Maid	Alireza	Soya Bean Meal/P.Oil/Gen.	"
9/10.	Barber Priam	Barber	Gen/Contra/Machy/Tris	"
11.	Al Gilani	Star	Reefer	8.9.81
11/12.	Energetic	A.A.	Bagged Barley	9.6.81
12.	Nyria "A"	A.A.	Bagged Sugar	10.6.81
13.	Koraz	Orr	Tim/Chipboard	9.6.81
14.	Lokma 1	Fayez	General	"
15.	Saudi Sun	O.Trade	Timber/General	8.5.81
16.	Kai Maru	Alireza	Containers	10.6.81
18.	Medcement Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	"
19.	Molda	Alisabah	Bulk Cement	8.6.81
20.	Fatulkhair	Kanoo	Contra/Gen/Steel	9.6.81
21.	Nireus	A.A.	Star	8.6.81
22.	puma	O.C.E.	Reefer	8.6.81
24.	Chion Trader	A.E.T.	General	10.6.81
25.	Stratheden	O.C.E.	Reefer	7.6.81
26.	Ice Express	Alireza	Containers	10.6.81
27.	Stanhof	Fayez	General	7.6.81
27.	Ramsis	Alisabah	Bagged Barley	9.6.81
28.	Arcoza Bridge	Alireza	Reefer	8.6.81
29.	Wild Grebe	O.C.E.	Reefer	10.6.81
30.	Dione	S.F.T.C.	Govt. Cargo	"
36.	Hamburg Express	Alireza	Containers	8.6.81
38.	Alaska	O.C.E.	Reefer	8.6.81
39.	Obstain	Kanoo	Contra/General	"
40.	Alida	Star	Timber/Gen/Cables	7.6.81
40.	Nas	Star	Bagged Durra	"
41.	Stamatios G	A.A.	Bagged Barley	6.6.81
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43.	Towal	S.M.C.	Durra/General	8.6.81

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30.	Taiyngi Island	UEP	Gen/Contra	10.6.81
30.	Taiyngi Island	UEP	Gen/Contra	10.6.81
31.	Rashid	Barber	Bagged Rice	11.6.81
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Seen as warning

Soviet planes hit Pakistani bus

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, June 11 — Soviet war planes rocketed and strafed a Pakistani passenger bus at village Umer Shah Nawar, 11 kms from Afghan border in the Baluchistan province Wednesday.

According to a Defense Ministry announcement the three MiG-21 fighter-interceptors violated Pakistan airspace in the Nushki area and flying along a country road spotted the bus parked at the village. The aircraft, after two dry runs over their target fired rockets and machine gun burst on the vehicle injuring its conductor. About 20 passengers had unboarded minutes before the attack.

Official quarters here view the attack as Soviet warning to Pakistan not to resurrect its military relationship with Washington as initiated by the Reagan administration. They recalled two similar provocations last September by Soviet helicopter gunships attacking Pakistani border posts and a refugees camp in North West Frontier Province claiming half and a dozen lives. Then, too, the motive was to hamper the talks which President Zia was going to have with the Carter administration in his scheduled visit to Washington.

Meanwhile, the visiting 6-member U.S. security officials team headed by undersecretary James L. Buckley began its talks with Pakistani officials soon after arrival here Thursday. The talks are a follow up of the discussions between Foreign Minister Agha Shabi and Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington last April.

Unofficial figures mentioned in American press reports suggest U.S. willingness to extend \$500 million in economic assistance and another \$200 million in military credits to Islamabad. Pakistan, however, insists on concessional terms which the Soviet Union offered India in a similar volume deal.

India which had expressed reservations about the Pakistan-American deal has now softened her approach after talks here between Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao and counterpart Agha Shabi. Rao, who said India was not insensitive to Pakistan's concerns, is concluding his visit Friday and some observers said the Soviet attack during his presence in Pakistan would "naturally help the Indian assessment of the situation in the region."

AP reporting from Islamabad said the credits require approval by the U.S. Congress. It was not clear whether the Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear facility would affect conditions to be set on purchases by the Pakistani milit-

ary regime, which is seeking fighter-bombers similar to those used in the incident. India and Pakistan used American-supplied arms in their 1965 war.

The Pakistani side has said it will not permit U.S. bases on its soil because it would affect its membership in the nonaligned movement.

The cutoff of U.S. arms during the 1971 Bangladesh war and the stoppage of aid in 1979 because of Pakistan's nuclear program has led some newspapers here to voice generalized concerns about American reliability. No direct opposition to weapon purchases has surfaced.

Buckley was scheduled to begin talks Saturday after visiting an Afghan refugee camp Friday, a U.S. Embassy official said. A meeting with President Zia has been arranged, he said.

A Western diplomatic source said the four-day visit is the first opportunity for the two countries to discuss specifics such as the type of aircraft and other military equipment best suited for Pakistani requirements.

The regime is hoping to replace outdated air defense, anti-tank and communications equipment, particularly in its western defense sectors because of the estimated 90,000 Soviet troops across the border in Afghanistan.

Islamic delegates welcomed

Misuari blocking peace, minister says

By Joe Pavia
Arab News Correspondent

MANILA, June 11 — Nur Misuari, the leader of Filipino Muslims, is "the stumbling block in the achievement of peace" because of his hardline stand and insistence on the creation of an independent Moro republic in Mindanao.

This was how Muslim Affairs Minister Romulo M. Espaldon reacted when asked to comment on news reports in Thursday's editions of Manila Dailies that the just-concluded 12th Islamic foreign ministers conference in Baghdad had rejected Misuari's "personal appeal" for support to the secessionist demand of his Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Espaldon, in his first press conference fol-

lowing his appointment as the first minister of the two-week-old ministry of Muslim affairs, claimed the MNLF leader "is the stumbling block in the achievement of peace in Mindanao because of his insistence on secession and independence which is not being recognized by many countries."

In an earlier interview with Arab News, Espaldon said MNLF leaders in the Middle East not only "have taken advantage of the hospitality and goodness of the Arab people but also resorted to lies and half-truths" in promoting their cause. "For example," he said, "many of them are saying that the soldiers of Marcos are killing the Muslims without explaining that the soldiers of Marcos are Muslims so, how could they be killing Muslims?"

"If our Middle East friends can come and

see for themselves and listen to their embassy people assigned here, I am sure that they will brand these pseudo-leaders who are out there as liars," Espaldon said. "We hope that our Arab friends would listen to the Muslim leaders who have stayed put in their country and who are working hard to bring peace in Mindanao," he added.

Regarding the news report filed by the official Philippines news agency from Baghdad that the Islamic conference passed a resolution accusing the Marcos government of failing to implement the Tripoli agreement and calling upon it to do, Espaldon reiterated that the government has been faithfully implementing the agreement.

That the government is ever ready to meet with the MNLF to discuss solutions to the Mindanao problem, and that Islamic conference representatives are always welcome to visit the Philippines and monitor the implementation of the Tripoli accord.

In the interview with Arab News, Espaldon said that an unimplemented aspect of the Tripoli agreement is the ceasefire. "Well, you know it takes two to tango," he explained. "The MNLF has not been available to implement the Tripoli agreement together with the Philippine government so much so that the Philippines has been left alone to implement it."

As an example of how the Philippines has gone on its own, Espaldon cited the creation of the two regional autonomous governments in Muslim-dominated areas of southern Philippines. With respect to the establishment of Shariah courts, Espaldon said seminars are now being undertaken prior to the full implementation of this aspect of the Tripoli agreement.

Espaldon also told Arab News that the Philippine government was ready to send a delegation to meet last December with Misuari's MNLF panel in Jakarta which was picked as the site for talks on the Mindanao problem. It was Islamic Conference Secretary-General Habib Chatti who had scheduled that meeting which did not materialize.

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Ministers

represented by their ambassadors to Iraq.

The foreign ministers will discuss the dimensions of the Zionist aggression on Iraqi nuclear installations and the deterrent measures which must be taken to stop the Zionist aggression on the Arab nation.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein conferred with Foreign Minister Saoud Al Faisal privately here Thursday shortly before the opening of the conference. Baghdad radio said Hussein and Prince Saud reviewed the issue to be discussed during the conference.

Iraq called on the 21-member Arab League to convene an emergency session after Israel disclosed last Sunday's air attack. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has also requested urgent meetings of the nonaligned and Islamic bloc nations and a U.N. Security Council debate.

The newspaper called on all Arab oil-producers to impose sanctions against the U.S. for its support of Israel. It said the U.S. would lose Arab oil and the friendship of Arab states if it continued to supply Israel with arms.

In Athens, the council of Arab ambassadors Wednesday deplored the Israeli raid and said "countries supporting Israel and providing it with arms would do well to assess their responsibilities in the light of the events, which do not allow doubts or discussion," a joint statement said.

In Bonn, Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher met Wednesday with ambassadors from Iran, the United Arab Emirates, and

Western and Third World diplomatic sources in Baghdad said they expected the Iraqis to seek a "practical" course of action against the Israelis, possibly international economic sanctions rather than military retaliation or an oil embargo.

Arab wrath was also directed against the United States, which supplied Israel with F-15 and F-16 warplanes used in Sunday's raid.

Arab newspapers vehemently attacked Sunday's Israeli raid, with many blaming the U.S. for providing Israel with F-15 and F-16 fighter planes to carry out the strike. In Jordan, the leading newspaper Ad-Dustour called on Arab states to break relations with U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration and impose an oil embargo.

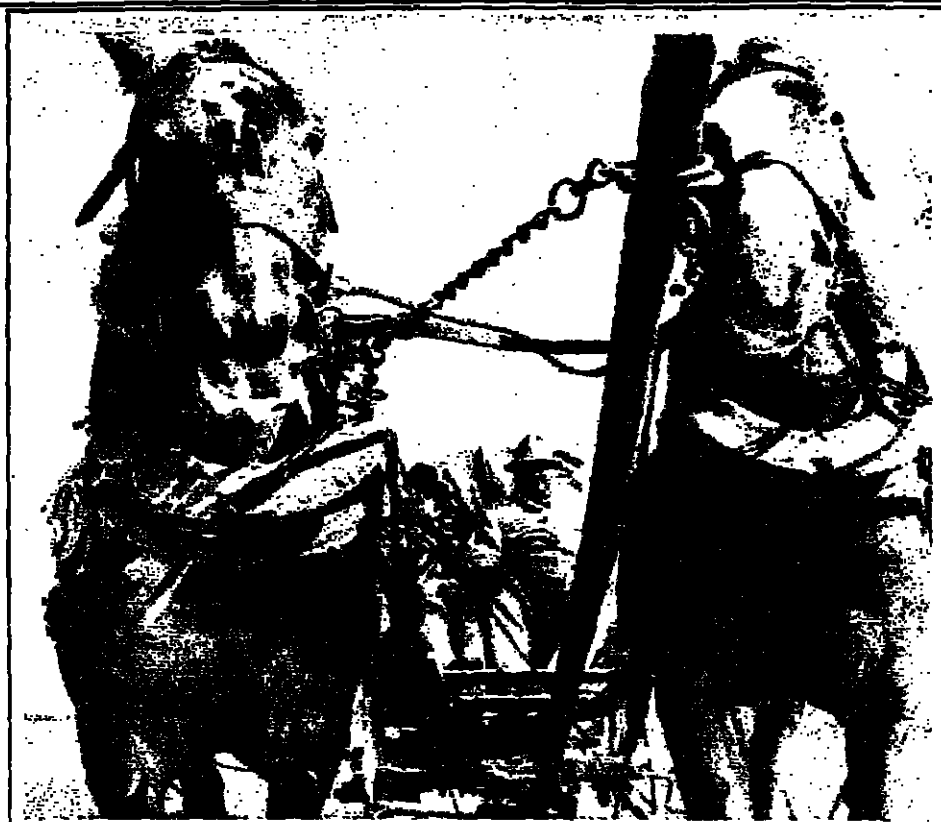
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Tunisia. He told the delegation that West Germany was "concerned and disturbed" about the Israeli action.

The Indonesian Foreign Ministry said the Israeli excuses are "unacceptable because it was clearly an aggression against the sovereignty of another state."

In Manila, the Philippine government Thursday condemned the Israeli attack as a "flagrant violation of the basic principles of international law" and the U.N. Charter.

Algeria and Bulgaria also accused the U.S. of endangering world peace and said American imperialism and Zionism had provoked the present dangerous situation in the Middle East, the Bulgarian press reported in Vienna.



OLD TIMES' SAKE: Horses trot along a road in Franconia, West Germany, drawing a medieval covered wagon and two coach drivers in proper garb. They were part of a historic spectacle staged to commemorate the 16th century peasant uprising recently.

Reforms to continue

Kania survives challenge

WARSAW, June 11 (Agencies) — Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania has survived a major challenge to his position and pledged to continue Poland's reforms despite stern criticism from the Kremlin and bitter attacks from Polish hardliners.

But in his closing speech after a stormy two-day meeting of the central committee here Wednesday, Kania also pledged firm action against "counterrevolution" and "anti-Socialist" activities in the coming month as the party nears a crucial emergency party congress.

In his speech, reported by the Polish news agency PAP Thursday, Kania said the Politburo, which survived another central committee meeting intact had adopted resolu-

tions citing "the need to clearly define the limits and activities of Solidarity," the independent union organization formed during widespread strikes last summer.

"The fact that Solidarity is manipulated by forces hostile to Socialism and used against the party must arouse concern," he said "choosing the words of a Soviet letter that criticized him by name and sparked the Tuesday to Wednesday meeting. But he also added, "a Solidarity acting within its framework can count on our fullest support."

Kania, regarded as a moderate and a proponent of dialogue in settling Poland's conflicts and tensions, was subject to an attack by hard-liner Tadeusz Grabski who questioned the ability of the existing 11-member Politburo under Kania's leadership to lead Poland out of its crisis.

But in the wake of threats by some top Communists to resign and even Grabski's indirect call for Kania's removal there were no leadership changes at the meeting, the eighth since last summer's strike wave swept the nation into crisis.

But in a crucial vote, the central committee by a margin of 89-24 rejected a proposal by Kania that each member of the Politburo be put to a vote of confidence. PAP said there were five abstentions.

"We shall overcome the crisis only with political methods," PAP reported Kania saying. "We shall do our best to restore the confidence of our fraternal Communist Soviet party in our party," he added.

Official Polish sources said a tightening of control over the press was likely to be the most immediate consequences of the Soviet letter and that central committee press chief, Jozef Klasa, might lose his job. The Polish press has enjoyed substantial freedom in the last few months and censorship has largely disappeared.

The official sources said the Soviet letter, which was read out on state television and radio Wednesday night, had not originally been intended for publication. The sources said it was likely to rally Poles, Communist and non-Communist, behind Kania who is regarded as the guarantor of political renewal.

Eight IRA men escape prison

BELFAST, June 11 (Agencies) — Police set up roadblocks in nationalist strongholds and issued thousands of wanted posters Thursday in a massive manhunt for eight Irish Republican Army men who escaped from a high-security jail in the heart of Belfast with handguns smuggled in to them.

Unidentified IRA supporters issued a statement after the escape Wednesday saying they were safely hidden in pro-Republican neighborhoods of Belfast.

A spokesman for the government's Northern Ireland Office said the escape appeared to have been planned from the outside, with cars waiting to pick up the men and speed them off. He said two prison guards were injured, one hit over the head, the other wounded in the hand.

Meanwhile, the Irish Republic voted Thursday in what opinion surveys and book-makers predicted would be the closest-fought general election in its history. Despite efforts by jailed guerrillas to make Northern Ireland one of the election issues, the campaign has been dominated by economic matters.

Prime Minister Charles Haughey, who came to power when his predecessor Jack Lynch retired 18 months ago, has promised that his Fianna Fail Party will engineer an economic revival if it retains office. He is being challenged by former Foreign Minister Garrett Fitzgerald, an economist, who leads the opposition Fine Gael Party and is wooing voters with a detailed program to tackle inflation and unemployment.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazem

The husband complained to his university-graduate wife that things weren't the same between them since the two kids were born. "Where's the high intellectual talk we used to enjoy? Literature, politics, all that? All I get from you now is housework talk and news of the kids' good and bad deeds — mostly the latter I have to note."

Her reply was that life has left no time for literature. As for politics, she gets that with the kids all day. "Have you any idea what it's like with these two? International diplomacy with all the deviousness and mayhem this implies. One day with them is a like a higher education course in political theory, with a spot of application thrown in free."

"Explicite! — oh, apple of my eye," the husband demanded, not very convinced. "One incident, a minor one, could make the point," she said. "The case of the missing bike. Observe how all the elements of a first-rate international crisis are present there in microcosm:

"The thing starts with an innocent question. The boy asks his sister if he could have his bike back. And quickly a formal denial is issued and the crisis is on: 'What bike?' says the young lady. 'Never seen your bike...'

"The lad now resorts to a threat, based on 'information from a reliable source.' You hand over that bike or else! Omar saw you riding it a while ago so you don't tell me lies." Sullen silence from the young lady. The typical dangerous "no comment" reaction in which the tension is allowed to rise.

"Now nothing will do but an ultimatum. 'If that bike isn't here in ten minutes, I'm going to hit you.' Since the girl, older and bigger, merely sneers at this, the threat has to be made more substantial. 'Omar will help me since he too would like a ride on the bike...'

"Time, the young girl thinks, to show her hand. 'It will take more than Omar and you to deal with me. My volley ball team-mates are ready, willing and able to lend a hand in any forthcoming confrontation...'

"I can see now," said the husband thoughtfully, "where those hooligans at the United Nations get their training. As for you my dear, never a word of criticism shall pass my lips again..."

Translated from Ashraq Al Awwad

Spadolini told to form Italy government

ROME, May 11 (R) — Giovanni Spadolini, the leader of Italy's small Republican Party, accepted the task Thursday of trying to form Italy's 41st postwar government but political analysts said his chances of quick success were slim.

Sen. Spadolini, 55, received the mandate from President Pertini after outgoing Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani gave up his attempt Wednesday night to patch together a new coalition.

"I realize that I face many difficulties," he told reporters. "But I will do my utmost to resolve the crisis in a short time."

Spadolini's Republicans and the influential Socialists were the main obstacles to Forlani's 16-day quest to form a new Christian Democrat-led government, after the collapse of his administration over the P2 Masonic lodge scandal. Both parties said they would not enter a coalition until the P2 scandal had been cleared up and the lodge declared illegal.

Spadolini said he would not make a decision concerning P2 until he had talked with all parties and heard the findings of a judicial commission, set up to decide whether P2 was a secret organization and therefore unconstitutional. "I must wait until my findings are made known before I can work out a program to present to the parties next week," he said.

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